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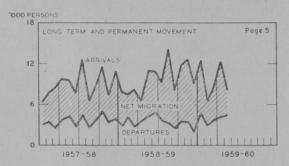
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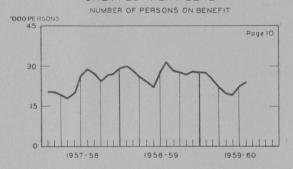
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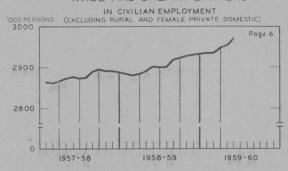
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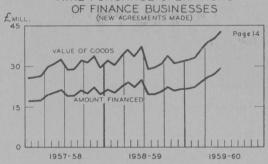
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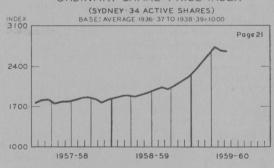
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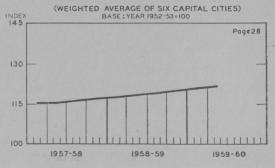
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:-

Period.	Civilian I Rural and f	and Salary E Employment cmale private and of Montl	(Excluding e domestics).	Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index	Interna	al Trade.	Oversea Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and	New Houses and Flats Com-
	Males.	Females.	Total.	(Base: 1945-46= 1,000).	Whole-sale.(c)	Retail.(d)	Imports.	Exports.	Suburbs.	menced.(f)
Monthly Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	'000. n.a. n.a. 1,910 1,954 2,018 2,067 2,082 2,089 2,107	'000. n.a. n.a. n.a. 679 707 740 769 779 791 802	'000. n.a. n.a. n.a. 2,589 2,661 2,758 2,836 2,861 2,880 2,909	n.a. n.a. 2,428 2,553 2,682 2,863 3,015 3,097 3,191	£m. 37.2 40.5 39.8 158.1 179.5 205.5 221.3 233.2 246.3 253.5	£m. n.a. n.a. 424.7 459.5 502.2 537.9 562.5 586.0 610.9	£m. 8.6 10.6 9.4 42.5 56.5 70.1 68.2 59.7 65.8 66.2	£m. 12.3 11.7 10.1 70.7 67.7 63.2 64.2 81.1 67.5 67.2	£'000. 1,986 2,307 2,353 10,040 12,356 17,892 18,881 17,401 19,160 21,656	No. n.a. n.a. (g)16,152 (g)19,219 19,309 18,155 17,364 18,337 20,421
Monthly Total— 1957-58— January February March April May June	2,087 2,093 2,097 2,098 2,098 2,098	790 799 802 796 795 792	2,877 2,892 2,899 2,894 2,893 2,890	\begin{cases} 3 093 \\ 3,102 \\ \end{cases}	211.8 237.6 247.7 239 2 260.3 244.7	} 560.1{ 578.9{	77.0 62.4 59.4 67.1 66.6 63.2	66.6 59.6 60.9 52.9 64.3 54.4	19,659 17,001 18,273 22,059 20,878 21,404	} 17,886 } 19,493
July August September October November December January February March April May June 1959-60—	2,095 2,091 2,093 2,098 2,106 2,101 2,103 2,114 2,117 2,121 2,122 2,123	793 793 794 795 800 802 799 808 811 810 811	2,888 2,884 2,887 2,893 2,906 2,903 2,902 2,922 2,928 2,931 2,933 2,934	3,178 3,207 3,178 3,178 3,199	252.1 246.9 265.3 273.7 274.7 275.0 205.2 239.1 241.4 264.8 242.8 261.3	\$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	9 63.8 72.8 65.5 65.5 67.5 61.9 74.4 58.5 58.9 73.1 63.1	61.4 47.2 55.7 74.0 66.2 75.7 66.9 73.5 66.4 72.2 76.7	26,250 22,283 22,910 22,187 19,959 16,506 16,015 20,195 21,351 23,495 24,551 24,165	21,597 18,782 20,350 20,958
July	2,123 2,124 2,130 2,133 2,140	813 814 820 824 834	2,936 2,938 2,950 2,957 2,974	3,347	266.4 259.9 r272.6 283.2	620.5	r70.6 71.0 64.0 74.5 74.2	p r66.5 r64.2 r69.6 r85.1 r88.0 96.9	24,324 25,150 26,152 29,320 24,531 21,315	21,918 p21,956

⁽a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b) page 8.

Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

(c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts.

(d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.

(e) All building operations (f) Includes owner-built houses.

Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

(g) Partly estimated,

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, ----, see page 1.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black	Total Electricity	Produc-	Registe (Excludin	or Vehicles ered (a) g Defence Vehicles).	Govern- ment Railways:	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment		nding Banks. b)	Bank Debits to Cus- tomers'
	Coal.	Generated.	Ingot Steel.	Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles, etc.	Gross Revenue.	Cash Receipts.	Deposits.	Advances.	Accounts (Weekly Averages).
Monthly Average— 1936–37	'000 tons. 977 990 1,051	Million kWh 331 363 391	'000 tons. 90.0 97.2 97.5	'000. 4.0 4.6 4.5	'000. 2.0 2.3 2.1	£'000. 3,517 3,705 3,662	£'000. 1,318 1,396 1,447	£m. 297.6 314.8 317.7	£m. 262.5 274.4 288.1	£m. n.a. n.a. n.a.
1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	1,545 1,619 1,613 1,586 1,643 1,697 p1,699	1,004 1,142 1,264 1,399 1,531 1,649 p1,761	150.1 176.4 184.1 193.4 231.2 254.4 p266.2	7.8 10.5 13.9 13.6 12.5	4.3 4.8 5.6 5.8 4.9 5.6 6.2	12,903 14,155 14,498 14,765 15,737 14,928 15,430	5,367 5,650 6,069 6,612 7,519 8,065 8,622	1,162.4 1,275.5 1,310.7 1,295.4 1,328.0 1,391.3 1,375.8	638.1 658.5 776.8 804.4 762.6 774.3 807.2	389.3 446.5 491.6 521.4 562.7 592.0 636.6
Monthly Total— 1957–58— December January February March April May June	1,347 1,233 1,661 1,670 1,620 1,769 1,708	1,530 1,518 1,468 1,632 1,588 1,766 1,813	245.4 264.0 227.6 260.1 248.7 271.5 256.6	13.7 15.4 15.2	5.4 4.6 5.5 6.1 6.2 6.0 5.4	(c) 13,887 13,676 13,364 15,026 14,163 15,227 14,856	8,623 8,469 7,565 8,154 7,906 8,482 9,046	1,431.7 1,445.7 1,443.6 1,449.6 1,414.4 1,354.2 1,343.0	766.3 753.4 749.6 754.6 792.2 819.5 831.7	667.5 512.7 587.6 609.4 609.4 608.2 603.0
July August September October November December January February March April May June	2,017 1,837 1,803 1,994 1,764 1,349 1,133 1,660 1,673 1,701 1,671 1,782	1,968 1,852 1,775 1,774 1,660 1,638 1,591 1,574 1,688 1,731 1,893 1,987	270.5 267.2 263.6 265.3 262.7 269.9 267.6 244.0 274.2 265.4 287.4 291.7	13.6 14.7 16.1 14.8 15.9 12.4 13.5 13.2 15.1	6.1 5.5 5.9 6.5 6.2 6.6 5.1 5.9 6.1 7.0 6.8 6.8	15,271 15,233 15,914 16,422 15,087 15,436 14,609 14,699 15,411 16,354 15,520 15,204	8,449 7,661 8,512 9,299 7,784 9,714 7,872 7,823 8,450 9,700 8,432 9,768	1,331.2 1,321.5 1,324.0 1,352.7 1,372.2 1,393.4 1,402.0 1,419.9 1,431.6 1,416.3 1,379.1	844.9 838.8 829.8 830.9 824.6 808.2 794.8 775.3 764.3 782.2 790.1	622.7 558.2 597.7 639.8 644.4 706.7 524.4 672.2 663.7 639.0 678.3 676.8
July August September October November December	1,887 1,791 1,891 1,842 1,814 1,250	2,121 2,032 1,930 r1,941 1,840	290.7 285.0 277.0 306.5 297.0 295.3	15.6 17.3 19.1 18.7	7.5 6.9 7.3 7.6 7.5	16,317 16,259 16,989	9,517 8,100 9,110 9,796 9,366 11,571	1,375.9 1,375.4 1,404.2 1,431.7 1,457.2 1,484.2	805.4 803.1 800.6 814.6 817.2 806.3	704.5 646.8 712.2 735.5 r745.8 805.9

⁽a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.
(b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, ——, see page 1.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average— 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53	. 19,211	47,048 48,114 49,228 50,739	19,001 19,896 20,661 20,023	28,047 28,218 28,567 30,716	40,387 33,244 25,720 14,516	(d) 67,657 (d) 60,770 (d) 53,671 (d) 44,726	8,178,696 8,421,775 8,636,458 8,815,362
1955–56	. 17,827 . 17,848 . 18,169 . 18,111 . 18,511 . 18,458	50,400 51,213 52,719 53,753 -55,265 56,495	20,390 20,541 20,712 21,467 21,150 22,013	30,010 30,672 32,007 32,286 34,115 34,482	13,263 22,868 24,710 21,594 16,650 19,289	(d) 42,792 53,540 56,717 53,880 50,765 53,771	e8,986,530 9,200,691 9,427,558 9,643,079 9,846,140 10,061,222
1956-57— September Qtr December ,, . March ,, .	. 15,328 . 19,319 . 18,825 . 18,971	53,698 52,319 55,546 53,450	26,511 20,364 18,641 20,353	27,187 31,955 36,905 33,097	24,446 22,188 21,198 18,545	51,633 54,143 58,103 51,642	9,479,191 9,533,334 9,591,437 9,643,079
September ,, . December ,, . March ,, .	. 16,050 . 19,850 . 18,459 . 19,686	56,008 55,354 55,777 53,921	25,695 20,264 18,223 20,418	30,313 35,090 37,554 33,503	16,547 22,442 16,210 11,402	46,860 57,532 53,764 44,905	9,689,939 9,747,471 9,801,235 9,846,140
December	10 240	57,575 55,231 54,289 58,883	24,829 20,253 19,104 23,867	32,746 34,978 35,185 35,016	17,640 20,114 21,862 17,541	50,386 55,092 57,047 52,557	9,896,526 9,951,618 10,008,665 10,061,222
C	. 15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	50,062	10,111,284

⁽a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

POPULATION: STATES.

Note.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June— 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953	 3,092,621 3,193,372 3,278,032 3,339,455 3,383,792	2,142,986 2,208,078 2,276,575 2,344,491 2,395,254	1,159,124 1,196,185 1,227,701 1,259,478 1,291,410	709,547 732,430 755,053	532,191 557,096 580,343 599,858 620,547	267,062 275,902 286,193 296,299 304,080	15,464	21,386 23,824 24,892 26,360 28,645	7,908,066 8,178,696 8,421,775 8,636,458 8,815,362
1954(a) 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 3Cth Sept.—	 3,423,529 3,490,331 3,553,432 3,622,906 3,689,175 3,756,375 3,774,266	2,452.341 2,523.018 2,605.088 2,673.498 2,741,397 2,814,523	1.318,259 1.344.572 1.370,697 1.396.740 1,417,404 1,440,998	819,549 848,526 873,123 896,750 920,835	639,771 658,538 677,389 691,882 705,250 719,164	308,752 314,679 319,648 327,895 335,418 342,315	16,469 17,580 18,297 19,170 19,579 20,942	30,315 b32,424 b34,481 c 37,865 41,167 d 46,070	8,986,530 9,200,691 9,427,558 9,643,079 9,846,140 10,061,222

⁽a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra. (d) Estimate based on the June, 1959, Population Count of Canberra.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

"Long term and permanent movement" relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. "Short term movement" relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

			Short Term	Movement.		Long Term	and Permanent	Movement.
Period.		Australian	Residents.	Visitors from	n Overseas.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
		Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			Allivais.
Monthly Average— 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54		2,336 2,812 3,251 3,351 3,648	2,500 2,617 3,233 3,427 3,556	3,470 3,594 3,895 3,838 3,953	3,644 3,753 4,085 4,198 3,906	15,407 12,774 10,872 7,991 7,206	1,608 1,729 2,126 2,717 2,924	13,799 11,045 8,746 5,274 4,282
1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59 p	• •	4,107 4,719 4,604 4,844 4,999	4,013 4,469 4,162 4,714 4,820	4,277 4,608 5,532 4,922 5,361	4,220 4,515 5,617 4,964 5,481	10,348 11,052 10,050 8,998 9,725	2,877 3,159 3,209 3,536 3,354	7,471 7,893 6,841 5,462 6,371
Monthly Total— 1957–58— July August September October November December January February March April May June		3,901 4,424 5,028 6,142 5,866 5,265 5,641 4,555 5,264 4,280 4,008 3,752	3,531 3,531 3,875 3,156 3,811 5,537 4,868 4,381 6,488 7,442 5,585 4,368	3,728 4,423 4,394 4,926 5,135 6,790 5,183 5,371 5,995 5,196 4,395 3,527	3,949 4,118 4,045 4,265 6,260 5,255 6,054 5,052 5,993 5,621 4,971 3,983	6,480 8,852 11,743 7,424	3,040 3,333 2,639 3,659 4,154 2,821 4,510 2,698 3,704 4,795 3,297 3,777	3,270 4,478 5,950 6,164 5,525 4,913 8,107 3,782 5,148 6,948 4,127 7,139
July August September October November December January p February p March p April p May p June p		4,408 5,037 5,764 5,509 5,663 5,184 6,231 5,033 4,428 4,058 4,185 4,490	3,089 3,526 3,916 7,306 4,397 4,905 5,228 7,270 6,062	5,631 7,660 5,554 6,238 6,444 5,139 4,862	7,008 6,021 6,455 6,554 5,972	7,372 8,151 6,617 11,018 10,873 9,191 14,003 8,113 11,760 12,576	4,193 2,715 3,454 4,195 4,757 3,639 3,156 2,564 3,458 3,320	4,911 3,179 5,436 3,163 6,823 6,116 5,552 10,847 5,549 8,302 9,256 7,309
1959–60— July p August p September p October p November p December p	• •	7,396 5,956	4,020 4,543 4,522 3,966	4,808 5,858 6,480 6,290	4,658 5,602 6,513 6,578	6,554 2 8,454 3 12,435 8 8,213	2,905 3,668 4,111 4,496	4,786 8,324 3,717

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

(000.)

					(000.)						
		Total (Exclud	Civilian Em ling Rural ar	ployees.		Total Civ	ilian Empl	oyees in Mai	in Industri	al Groups.	
Month.		Govern- mental Authori- ties.(b)	Private Employers.	tics.)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Factories.	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fessional and Personal Services. (d)
					Males						
1956—June 1957—June 1958—June 1959—June	• •	604.9 609.5 621.8 633.9	1,475.9 1,476.1 1,488.6	2,082.2 2,085.4 2,097.9 2,122.5	57.3 56.3 51.6 49.1	778.0 780.2 791.1 800.7	214.6 207.4 202.4 205.2	310.4 313.0 311.8 312.6	130.0 129.6 132.7 133.6	212.7 214.0 216.3 221.5	187.3 193.1 196.3 201.5
1958—August Septembe October Novembe		620.6 620.7 621.5 622.8	1,476.1 1,482.8	2,091.3 2,092.7 2,097.6 2,105.6	51.5 50.9 50.9 50.6	788.6 789.4 791.7 793.8	200.1 199.4 200.7 201.0	310.4 310.1 309.9 310.5	132.2 132.8 133.2 135.8	216.2 217.4 217.9 219.8	196.2 196.7 197.1 197.7
1959—August Septembe October Novembe		632.6 631.6 630.0 630.6	1,503.4	2,123.7 2,130.2 2,133.4 2,140.3	48.9 49.0 49.0 49.0	803.9 807.7 808.9 810.3	202.8 203.0 203.4 203.6	312.1 311.5 310.8 311.2	134.1 134.3 134.8 137.1	221.0 223.2 224.6 226.1	202.6 203.2 203.8 204.4
					FEMALE	S.					
1956—June 1957—June 1958—June 1959—June	• •	129.8 132.8 136.6 143.9	643.6 647.4 655.9 667.6	773.4 780.2 792.5 811.5	1.2 1.2 1.1	242.5 242.9 244.0 247.4	5.1 5.3 5.5 5.6	40.1 40.1 39.9 40.3	123.0 121.6 125.6 126.5	88.1 90.3 92.3 95.3	236.6 241.9 246.4 256.5
1958—August Septembe October Novembe		137.5 137.6 137.6 137.8	655.5 656.5 657.8 662.4	793.0 794.1 795.4 800.2	1.1 1.1 1.1	243.2 243.5 243.3 243.4	5.5 5.5 5.5 5.5	39.9 39.9 39.8 40.0	124.9 125.4 126.4 130.7	92.2 92.2 92.2 92.4	248.0 248.4 249.1 248.9
1959—August Septembe October November		144.2 144.2 144.3 144.7	669.6 675.2 679.4 688.9	813.8 819.4 823.7 833.6	1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1	249.4 252.4 254.5 256.7	5.7 5.7 5.7 5.7	40.4 40.4 40.6 40.7	126.3 127.2 128.5 134.3	95.0 95.5 95.8 96.6	256.6 258.0 258.5 259.4
					Persons						
1956—June 1957—June 1958—June 1959—June	• •	734.7 742.3 758.4 777.8	2,120.9 2,123.3 2,132.0 2,156.2	2,855.6 2,865.6 2,890.4 2,934.0	57.5 52.7	1,020.5 1,023.1 1,035.1 1,048.1	219.7 212.7 207.9 210.8	350.5 353.1 351.7 352.9	253.0 251.2 258.3 260.1	300.8 304.3 308.6 316.8	423.9 435.0 442.7 458.0
November		758.1 758.3 759.1 760.6	2,126.2 2,128.5 2,133.9 2,145.2	2,884.3 2,886.8 2,893.0 2,905.8	52.0 52.0 51.7	1,031.8 1,032.9 1,035.0 1,037.2	205.6 204.9 206.2 206.5	350.3 350.0 349.7 350.5	257.1 258.2 259.6 266.5	308.4 309.6 310.1 312.2	444.2 445.1 446.2 446.6
1959—August September October November		776.8 775.8 774.3 775.3	2,160.7 2,173.8 2,182.8 2,198.6	2,937.5 2,949.6 2,957.1 2,973.9	50.1 50.1	1,0 53 .3 1,060.1 1,063.4 1,067.0	208.5 208.7 209.1 209.3	352.5 351.9 351.4 351.9	260.4 261.5 263.3 271.4	316.0 318.7 320.4 322.7	459.2 461.2 462.3 463.8

⁽a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.

(b) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (c) See note (b), page 8. (d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestics).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

(000.)

New Australian													
Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.				
			I	Males.		,							
1956—June 1957—June 1958—June 1959—June 1958—July August	808.3 810.2 813.9 819.2 812.4 811.0	583.2 586.0 592.9 601.6 591.6 590.3	282.4 282.6 282.8 286.5 283.3 282.5	187.9 186.4 186.0 191.1 185.8 185.7	140.5 138.4 138.6 139.5 138.1 138.3	65.7 66.0 67.0 67.0 66.7 66.3	5.2 5.8 5.6 5.8 5.5 5.6	9.0 10.0 11.1 11.8 11.3 11.6	2,082.2 2,085.4 2,097.9 2,122.5 2,094.7 2,091.3				
September October November	810.3 813.0 816.5	591.3 592.3 595.1	282.8 283.1 284.2	186.1 186.5 186.8	138.8 139.2 139.1	66.1 66.1 66.2	5.7 5.8 5.9	11.6 11.6 11.8	2,092.7 2,097.6 2,105.6				
1959—July August September October November	818.8 819.3 823.0 824.0 829.5	601.8 602.0 603.7 605.2 607.0	287.1 286.8 285.9 285.8 284.3	191.4 191.7 192.5 192.5 193.0	139.6 139.4 140.2 140.5 140.6	66.8 66.8 66.9 67.4 67.7	5.9 5.8 5.9 5.9 5.9	11.7 11.9 12.1 12.1 12.3	2,123.1 2,123.7 2,130.2 2,133.4 2,140.3				
			F	EMALES.									
1956—June 1957—June 1958—June 1959—June 1958—July August September. October	305.9 309.3 314.4 320.3 314.9 314.6 315.1 315.6	238.5 240.4 244.5 251.9 244.5 244.3 244.9 245.6	93.7 95.8 95.9 98.0 96.3 97.2 96.7 96.6	62.5 62.4 63.4 65.5 63.4 63.3 63.6 63.8	45.1 44.5 45.6 46.8 45.6 45.9 46.2 46.2	23.2 22.9 23.5 23.3 23.1 22.5 22.2 22.2	1.2 1.3 1.4 1.4 1.3 1.4	3.3 3.7 3.9 4.3 3.9 3.9 4.0 4.0	773.4 780.2 792.5 811.5 793.1 793.0 794.1 795.4				
November 1959—July August September October November	317.8 321.4 321.4 324.0 326.1 331.0	247.1 252.2 252.5 254.2 255.7 258.5	96.9 98.5 98.9 99.2 98.9 99.4	64.2 65.6 65.8 66.4 66.8 67.7	46.4 46.8 46.7 47.1 47.4 48.0	22.5 22.9 22.7 22.6 22.8 23.0	1.4 1.4 1.4 1.4 1.4	3.9 4.4 4.4 4.5 4.6 4.6	800.2 813.2 813.8 819.4 823.7 833.6				
			P	ERSONS.	1								
1956—June 1957—June 1958—June 1959—June	1,114.2 1,119.5 1,128.3 1,139.5	821.7 826.4 837.4 853.5	376.1 378.4 378.7 384.5	250.4 248.8 249.4 256.6	185.6 182.9 184.2 186.3	88.9 88.9 90.5 90.3	6.4 7.0 6.9 7.2	12.3 13.7 15.0 16.1	2,855.6 2,865.6 2,890.4 2,934.0				
1958—July August September October November	1,127.3 1,125.6 1,125.4 1,128.6 1,134.3	836.1 834.6 836.2 837.9 842.2	379.6 379.7 379.5 379.7 381.1	249.2 249.0 249.7 250.3 251.0	183.7 184.2 185.0 185.4 185.5	89.8 88.8 88.3 88.3 88.7	6.9 6.9 7.1 7.2 7.3	15.2 15.5 15.6 15.6 15.7	2,887.8 2,884.3 2,886.8 2,893.0 2,905.8				
1959—July August September October November	1,140.2 1,140.7 1,147.0 1,150.1 1,160.5	854.0 854.5 857.9 860.9 865.5	385.6 385.7 385.1 384.7 383.7	257.0 257.5 258.9 259.3 260.7	186.4 186.1 187.3 187.9 188.6	89.7 89.5 89.5 90.2 90.7	7.3 7.2 7.3 7.3 7.3	16.1 16.3 16.6 16.7 16.9	2,936.3 2,937.5 2,949.6 2,957.1 2,973.9				

⁽a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestics, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8, and notes on page 6.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

	Australia.						Australia.				
Period.	New South	Vic-	Queens-	South	Western Aus-	I as-				ended J	Av. 3 years une. 1939 1,000.
	Wales.	toria.	land.	tralia.	tralia.	mania.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Un- adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
Average of Monthly	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
Figures— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	197.8 215.6 219.5	183.0 193.6 193.9	49.6	39.3 42.6 42.0	21.4 22.0 22.1	11.8 12.5 13.2	359.6 387.7 391.8	139.6 148.2 150.4	499.2 535.9 542.2	950 1,019 1,031	959 1,019 1,022
1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	391.5 364.6 386.3 403.0 417.0 420.1 429.2 432.4	317.3 332.6 341.3 341.0 344.8	88.4 93.0 95.4 97.2 98.1	81.5 77.8 82.7 86.6 89.9 89.2 89.5 89.7	42.7 42.7 44.9 46.8 47.5 46.1 45.8 44.8	23.0 22.4 23.4 24.4 26.0 26.5 26.9 26.7	707.9 687.6 721.6 751.4 775.4 776.6 786.8 793.1	231.7 205.3 226.0 237.4 243.5 244.4 246.3 244.7	939.6 892.9 947.6 988.8 1,018.9 1,021.0 1,033.1 1,037.8	1,787 1,698 1,802 1,881 1,938 1,942 1,965 1,974	1,440 1,336 1,392 1,422 1,429 1,399 1,385 1,362
At end of Month— 1957–58— November December January February March April May June	431.2 428.1 428.0 431.5 432.9 432.6 432.4 431.5	344.7 343.3 346.7 351.1 352.3 347.3 345.1 342.8	93.0 95.1 96.5 95.9 97.6	89.3 89.4 90.6 90.5 90.9 89.8 89.0 88.9	46.1 45.8 45.7 46.2 46.3 46.0 45.7 45.2	26.1 27.3 27.9 27.4 27.2 27.5 27.4 27.3	785.8 781.1 786.5 790.8 793.3 791.6 791.4 791.1	247.8 244.6 245.4 251.0 252.8 247.5 245.8 244.0	1,033.6 1,025.7 1,031.9 1,041.8 1,046.1 1,039.1 1,037.2 1,035.1	1,966 1,951 1,963 1,981 1,990 1,976 1,973 1,969	1,388 1,375 1,381 1,391 1,395 1,383 1,379 1,374
July August September October November December January February March April May June	431.4 431.1 431.3 431.6 432.3 429.9 432.1 433.1 433.6 435.4 437.0	342.3 343.4 344.7 343.8 344.6 349.4 350.8 349.5 348.5	100.3 100.1 100.3 100.2 94.1 94.4 98.0 97.7 98.6	88.8 88.6 88.8 89.2 89.1 89.0 90.2 90.7 90.7 90.4 90.9	44.7 44.6 44.6 44.7 44.9 44.8 44.6 44.7 44.9 45.0 44.6	26.9 26.2 25.8 25.8 26.0 27.1 27.5 26.8 27.0 27.4 27.4 26.9	790.3 788.6 789.4 791.7 793.8 787.0 788.9 793.8 796.3 797.9 799.2 800.7	243.2 243.5 243.5 243.4 241.7 242.3 247.2 247.9 246.5 246.3 247.4	1,033.5 1,031.8 1,032.9 1,035.0 1,037.2 1,028.7 1,031.2 1,041.0 1,044.2 1,044.4 1,045.5 1,048.1	1,966 1,963 1,965 1,969 1,973 1,956 1,980 1,986 1,986 1,989	1,369 1,365 1,364 1,365 1,364 1,350 1,351 1,362 1,363 1,360 1,361
July August September October November		350.5 353.1 355.4 357.6	101.1 100.9 100.0 98.8 96.5	91.2 91.6 92.4 92.7 93.2	44.6 44.8 45.3 45.4 45.8	26.5 26.4 26.4 26.4 26.8	802.6 803.9 807.7 808.9 810.3	247.7 249.4 252.4 254.5 256.7	1,050.3 1,053.3 1,060.1 1,063.4 1,067.0	1,998 2,003 2,016 2,023 2,030	1,362 1,364 1,370 1,372 1,374

⁽a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1958, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1958, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.		New South	Victoria.	Queens-	South	Western	т .		Australia.(b)	
r errod.		Wales.	Victoria.	land.	Australia.	Australia.	Tasmania.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
Average of Mont Figures— 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57 1957-58 1958-59	hly	90.1 93.0 96.3 97.7 96.3 98.8 99.3	66.1 6 7.5 69.9 71.4 71.2 72.5 74.3	30.0 30.6 31.2 31.7 32.0 32.5 32.5	22.4 23.1 24.2 25.3 24.8 24.7 25.0	18.1 19.0 19.6 19.8 19.7 20.0 20.9	7.2 7.5 7.7 8.0 7.9 7.8 7.6	124.2 127.2 129.7 130.6 130.1 132.4 134.0	110.4 114.0 120.0 124.3 123.0 125.2 127.1	234.6 241.2 249.7 254.9 253.1 257.6 261.1
At end of Month 1957-58— November December January February March April May June		102.9 104.1 99.3 99.1 98.4 98.2 99.3 98.5	73.8 75.5 72.9 72.7 72.6 72.8 73.2 73.3	33.4 33.1 32.5 32.3 32.1 32.2 32.5 32.4	25.2 25.1 24.9 24.7 24.7 24.7 24.6 24.5	20.1 20.6 20.3 20.1 20.1 20.1 20.4 20.3	7.8 8.1 7.8 7.8 7.7 7.7 7.7	134.2 136.5 133.3 133.4 132.6 132.5 133.2 132.7	130.1 131.4 125.7 124.8 124.4 124.6 126.0 125.6	264.3 267.9 259.0 258.2 257.0 257.1 259.2 258.3
July August September October November December January February March April May June		98.7 98.0 98.2 98.9 102.4 106.0 98.6 98.0 97.7 97.9 99.0 98.4	73.2 73.1 73.6 74.0 75.6 76.5 74.4 74.9 74.3 74.2 74.2	32.3 32.2 32.3 32.3 33.0 33.4 32.5 32.3 32.2 32.2 32.9 32.5	24.4 24.4 24.6 24.8 25.4 25.8 25.1 24.9 25.0 25.0 25.1 25.0	20.4 20.3 20.6 20.6 21.1 21.7 21.2 20.8 20.8 21.1 21.0	7.6 7.5 7.5 7.6 7.9 7.8 7.5 7.6 7.7	132.5 132.2 132.8 133.2 135.8 139.1 134.1 133.9 133.3 133.1 133.9	125.5 124.9 125.4 126.4 130.7 133.5 127.0 126.0 125.9 126.1 127.6 126.5	258.0 257.1 258.2 259.6 266.5 272.6 261.1 259.9 259.2 259.2 261.5 260.1
1959–60— July August September October November		98.4 98.5 98.8 99.1 103.5	74.0 73.9 74.3 74.7 76.9	32.6 32.7 32.8 33.1 33.5	25.0 25.0 25.2 25.5 26.2	21.0 21.1 21.2 21.6 21.9	7.8 7.7 7.7 7.8 7.9	133.6 134.1 134.3 134.8 137.1	126.4 126.3 127.2 128.5 134.3	260.0 260.4 261.5 263.3 271.4

⁽a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

⁽b) Includes the Northern

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

Number of Persons on Benefit.

NUMBER OF FERSONS ON DENEFIT.													
					Sickness.	Spe	ecial.						
Period.				0.	nemployme	111.				DICKIICSS.	Ordinary.	Migrant.b	
. 0.10d4 . 0.10d4	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.	Australia.	Australia.	Australia.	
Average of Monthly Figures— 1949–50(c) 1950–51(c) 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	d 8,327 d 287 d 949 d17,590 d 6,495 1,440 1,362 4,151 8,706 11,588	123 71 220 6,168 2,698 538 479 3,349 5,127 5,743	1,371 326 1,374 4,281 3,169 1,408 1,511 2,343 5,588 4,883	(e) 241 (e) 6 (e) 24 (e) 842 (e) 252 66 83 702 1,566 1,603	155 59 64 841 406 153 515 1,972 2,360 2,838	30 14 16 262 212 81 57 134 512 611	(f) (f) (f) (f) (f) 1 1 5	(g) (g) (g) (g) (g) 3 6 15 32 40	10,247 763 2,647 29,984 12,232 3,690 4,014 12,666 23,900 27,311	7,994 7,984 7,303	897 863 993 1,408 1,868 1,983 1,973 2,012 2,107 2,147	(h) (h) (i)415 426 484 464 823 611 463	
Last Saturday of Month— 1957–58— December January February March April May June	8,900 9,835 9,575 8,673 9,533 10,465 11,669	4,695 4,974 4,085 4,135 5,006 5,894 6,899	7,801 9,357 9,431 7,814 7,831 5,799 4,905	1,568 1,518 1,425 1,521 1,873 2,075 2,258	2,393 2,596 2,257 2,018 2,214 2,543 3,005	591 434 326 243 296 459 639	2 4 19 33 23 10 9	55 37 45 48 35 37 34	26,005 28,755 27,163 24,485 26,811 27,282 29,418	6,858 7,464 7,299 7,381 7,970	2,150 2,168 2,180 2,153 2,191 2,216 2,149	501 821 335 378 322 162 75	
July August September October November December January February March April May June	12,054 11,309 10,587 10,267 9,827 11,819 12,794 12,032 11,952 12,237 12,116 12,062	7,442 7,435 6,735 5,656 4,916 5,436 5,389 4,572 4,548 5,136 5,643 6,013	3,907 3,176 2,984 2,874 3,031 5,460 8,359 6,866 6,769 5,057 5,631 4,477	2,385 2,204 1,930 1,706 1,505 1,703 1,461 1,321 1,116 1,254 1,317 1,332	3,363 3,219 2,875 2,709 2,354 2,501 3,009 2,914 2,850 2,652 2,674 2,939	712 891 849 789 635 580 411 454 398 446 497 670	8 3 3 1 2 4 10 10 7 10 4 5	44 41 39 35 32 62 53 38 29 32 42 30	29,915 28,278 26,002 24,037 22,302 27,565 31,486 28,207 27,669 26,824 27,924 27,528	8,703 8,472 8,651 8,695 7,888 7,778 7,791 7,762 8,188 8,450	2,093 2,091 2,040 2,071 2,112 2,034 2,157 2,235 2,157 2,214 2,293 2,164	220 256 745 142 203 690 539 426 519 390 872 553	
July August September October November December	12,524 10,888 9,232 7,832 6,954 7,381	6,339 6,012 5,281 4,302 3,727 4,044	3,008 2,608 2,902 3,121 4,502 6,814	1,444 1,411 1,226 1,158 1,115 1,120	3,279 2,993 2,670 2,436 2,113 2,538	798 932 816 714 600 546	5 4 6 5 5 4	45 39 30 30 21 22	27,442 24,887 22,163 19,598 19,037 22,469	9,069 9,223 8,977 8,990	2,244 2,187 2,268 2,241 2,245 2,244	479 470 199 624 131 436	

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (b) In reception and training centres. (c) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII, of the Social Services Act 1947–1958. (d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes the Northern Territory. (f) Included with South Australia. (g) Included with New South Wales. (h) Not available. (t) Eight months only.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

Number admitted to Unemployment Benefit and Amount paid in Benefits: Australia.

Period.	Number Adı	mitted to Une Benefit.(a)	mployment	P	Amount paid	in Benefits du	aring Month.	
Period.						Spec	ial—	
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unem- ployment.	Sickness.	Migrants.	Ordinary.	Total.
				£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Average—1949–50	10.954	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,	361	208,868
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57 1957-58 1958-59	1,771 12,793 4,368 1,529 2,525 6,811 9,951	111 520 1,797 810 496 590 1,192 2,039 2,466	992 2,291 14,590 5,178 2,025 3,115 8,003 11,990 12,085	5,204 15,584 380,812 208,788 56,620 55,985 174,670 409,981 496,623	62,143 59,157 116,108 139,633 133,987 126,589 124,877 154,771 183,044	13,520 2,319 8,172 4,561 4,534 5,433 6,785 13,275 6,395	5,568 6,911 16,197 25,639 24,848 25,585 26,954 32,868 34,963	86,435 83,971 521,289 378,621 219,989 213,592 333,286 610,895 721,025
Monthly Total— 1957–58— December January February March(c) April May June	11,983 10,562 10,629 9,264 12,160	1,433 1,536 2,300 2,661 2,508 3,248 2,577	13,585 13,519 12,862 13,290 11,772 15,408 13,009	379,388 563,367 585,502 479,702 450,781 515,038 453,460	149,356 159,991 161,223 179,936 167,238 188,744 172,398	14,050 13,039 17,866 5,594 7,175 6,289 3,198	31,159 36,880 36,313 39,326 37,634 43,205 35,493	573,953 773,277 800,904 704,558 662,828 753,276 664,549
July	10,951 7,611 6,531 7,786 10,291 17,160 9,567 7,709 8,094 10,863	2,466 2,724 1,966 1,714 2,323 1,906 2,603 2,580 2,652 2,748 3,416 2,492	12,449 13,675 9,577 8,245 10,109 12,197 19,763 12,147 10,361 10,842 14,279 11,372	490,555 564,035 474,595 482,293 431,353 393,651 605,009 573,460 472,622 508,367 492,654 470,654	170,695 206,765 187,927 192,288 195,064 156,186 171,145 168,319 174,224 194,758 196,075 183,081	5,085 5,513 2,282 4,731 1,611 5,979 12,245 9,395 5,915 5,911 6,511 11,647	32,698 37,461 34,092 34,680 34,838 31,778 29,778 37,133 34,235 40,303 37,562 35,002	699,033 813,874 698,896 713,992 662,916 587,594 818,177 788,307 686,996 749,339 732.802 700,384
July August(c) September . October(c) . November . December .	8,942 6,145 5,974 5,776	2,605 2,697 1,814 2,038 1,549 1,725	11,072 11,639 7,959 8,012 7,325 9,951	535,299 442,688 419,221 385,693 338,603 386,552	220,331 184,902 202,451 195,201 188,423 182,536	9,177 12,854 2,802 2,678 <i>Cr.</i> 856 2,971	42,890 34,048 39,707 35,905 38,135 36,809	807,697 674,492 664,181 619,477 564,305 608,868

⁽a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown.

(b) In reception and training centres.

(c) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the lost Saturday in the month.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA (a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952–53 and 1956–57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

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Period.	Gro-ceries.	But- chers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing and Drapery. Foot-wear.	Hard- ware.(c)	Electrical Goods.	Furni- ture.	Chem- ists' Goods.	News- papers, Books and Stat- ionery.	Other Goods. (e)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(f)
Quarterly Average—						/							
1949–50 1950–51 1951–52	40.2 46.5 58.2	18.9 23.1 29.7	32.9 38.9 47.0	26.2 30.8 38.5	66.0 82.1 87.9	16.6 22.8 27.4	10.9 16.2 19.4	13.6 19.2 19.0		51.1 63.1 76.9		276.4 342.7 404.0	68.3 95.5 108.3
1952–53	65.3	31.9	51.6	43.3	76.5 12.2	28.0	19.0	18.2	12.7	13.3	52.7	424.7	104.8
1953–54 1954–55 1955–56	68.7 75.5 82.2	33.5 36.7 39.7	55.9 61.6 67.3	46.7 51.1 55.5	96.9 104.8 108.3	30.7 34.0 36.1	22.8 24.8 26.2	20.2 21.6 23.0		84.1 92.1 99.6		459.5 502.2 537.9	123.5 142.9 153.4
1956–57	86.0	42.6	70.7	59.4	95.2 14.9	36.3	28.4	23.1	19.2	17.3	69.4	562.5	158.1
1957–58	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.8	36.6	34.6	24.4		109.7		586.0	171.4
1958–59—p Quarterly Total— 1955–56—	94.1	44.4	78.1	61.2	100.8 16.2	39.8	39.1	24.8	23.6	18.7	70.1	610.9	183.7
Dec. Qtr Mar. ,, June ,, 1956–57—	84.5 81.8 82.5	39.4 39.2 41.7	70.0 69.1 66.4	59.3 57.7 55.3	124.3 92.2 114.6	39.8 33.7 35.5	32.6 24.2 23.2	25.6 20.5 22.4		116.5 93.2 96.3		592.0 511.6 537.9	159.9 147.0 149.6
Sept. ,, Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,,	85.6 89.9 82.7 85.7	42.8 43.0 41.9 42.7	69.2 73.6 70.3 69.6	54.0 64.9 61.3 57.5	102.1 128.0 94.9 115.2	35.3 40.3 34.2 35.3	24.7 34.2 26.5 28.1	23.3 26.1 20.9 22.3		100.1 120.6 100.5 102.7		537.1 620.6 533.2 559.1	154.4 164.0 152.2 161.9
Sept. ,, Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,, 1958–59—p	86.9 92.6 88.2 90.6	43.6 42.0 41.9 43.3	69.9 77.4 74.7 72.5	57.3 69.1 63.6 58.2	106.1 132.3 94.9 117.7	35.7 41.2 34.8 34.5	30.0 39.2 35.2 33.9	24.2 27.4 22.4 23.6		103.7 126.3 104.4 104.6		557.4 647.5 560.1 578.9	164.7 180.1 167.4 173.6
Sept. ,, Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,, 1959-60-p	91.6 98.9 92.0 94.1	43.9 44.4 43.2 46.3	73.7 81.4 81.5 75.7	56.1 67.2 64.1 57.6	95.5 15.1 117.3 18.7 82.5 14.0 108.0 16.9	38.1 45.3 37.0 38.8	38.8 45.3 35.4 36.8	24.8 27.8 21.8 24.6	22.3 25.5 22.4 24.4	17.2 21.3 18.3 17.8	67.8 80.2 64.2 68.1	584.9 673.3 576.4 609.1	179.2 193.4 174.8 187.2
Sept. "	96.8	47.2	78.9	58.7	101.0 16.7	39.9	42.9	27.1	24.1	18.3	68.9	620.5	198.9

⁽a) Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

(b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement).

(d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(e) Includes requipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

		INL		Number	Value of (Amount Fi	nanced.(b)	Average Proportion of Hire
Pe				of Agreements.	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
			N	Motor Vehi	CLES, TRAC	TORS, ETC.			
Monthly Averag	ge—			25 492	17 747	696	10,493	412	59
				25,482 26,421	17,747 18,751	710	11,406	432	61
1057 50	•	• •	• •	29,849	21,484	720	13,120	440	61
1050 50				32,921	23,758	722	14,743	448	62
Monthly Total-		• •	• •	, , , ,	,				
December .				36,434	27,110	744	16,924	465	62
January .				29,885	20,672	692	12,977	434	63 62
				29,410	21,079	717 731	13,004 14,110	442 453	62
				31,132 34,574	22,760 25,722	744	15,944	461	62
A.		• •	• •	31,756	23,241	732	14,446	455	
				33,385	23,991	719	15,204	455	
1959-60-	• •	• •	• •	34,442	24,612	715	15,547	451	
0, 0	• •			35,170	25,396	722	16,078	457	63
August September	• •			38,241	28,017	733	17,639	461	
October p				39,740	29,699	747	18,770	472	
November 1				38,589	29,790	772	18,928	491	
December p				41,465	31,878	769	20,293	489	64
				PLANT	and Mach	INERY.			
Monthly Avera	age—			1 502	991	626	615	389	62
1955–56				1,583 1,798	1,222				
1956-57		• •	• •	1,870	1,327				
1957–58 1958–59	• •			2,584	1,822				
Monthly Total 1958-59—		• •		2,501	,,,,,,				
December				3,142	2,467				
January				2,239	1,294				
February					1,788				
March				2,593	1,813				
April				2,849	1,950				
May				2,595	1,698	654			
June 1959–60—	• •	• •			1,65				
July				2,633					
August	• •			2,399					
September				3 108					
October p			•	3 /108					27 63
November December				2 /118					
December	Ь	• •	٠	, ,,,,,	_,,,				

⁽a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

			Value of	Goods.(a)	Amount	Financed.(b)	Average Proportion
Period.		Number of Agreements.	Total.	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement.	of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Household	AND PERSON	NAL GOODS.			1
7/ -11 4							
Monthly Average— 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59 Monthly Total— 1958–59—	• • • •	. 56,292 . 56,473 . 67,946 . 69,616	4,322 4,444 6,977 6,951	77 79 103 100	3,509 3,565 5,648 5,708	62 63 83 82	81 80 81 82
December January February March April May June 1959–60—		. 86,176 . 73,166 . 66,875 . 64,575 . 65,823 . 63,069 . 64,812	7,862 6,961 6,601 6,235 6,568 6,358 6,288	91 95 99 97 100 101 97	6,495 5,678 5,452 5,129 5,411 5,276 5,170	75 78 82 79 82 84 80	83 82 83 82 82 83 83
July August September October p November p December p		. 71,198 . 75,944	6,312 6,194 6,966 7,044 7,495 8,683	101 100 100 99 99 95	5,217 5,078 5,737 5,829 6,187 7,163	83 82 83 82 81 79	83 82 82 83 83 83
		Тота	L (ALL Goo	DS).			
			(**************************************	22).			
Monthly Average— 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59 Monthly Total— 1958–59—		. 84,692 . 99,665	23,060 24,417 29,788 32,531	277 288 299 309	14,617 15,734 19,617 21,619	175 186 197 206	63 64 66 66
December January February March April May June		105,290 98,758 98,300 103,246 97,420	37,439 28,927 29,468 30,808 34,240 31,297 31,930	298 275 298 313 332 321 317	25,019 19,485 19,538 20,400 22,592 20,827 21,452	199 185 198 208 219 214 213	67 67 66 66 66 67 67
July August September October p November p December p		99,741 110,221	32,530 33,222 36,880 39,178 40,198 43,264	326 333 335 343 341 318	21,777 22,231 24,633 26,187 26,960 29,237	218 223 223 229 228 215	67 67 67 67 67 68

⁽a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

⁽b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a) £'000.)

				(± 000.)				
As at—		New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1954— 31st December 1955—		61,283	38,877	26,667	17,023	12,525	5,918	162,293
31st March 30th June 30th September 31st December	• • •	65,216 68,952 75,069 79,546	41,994 44,830 48,592 53,582	27,622 29,240 31,298 32,764	17,722 18,633 19,930 21,547	13,197 14,151 15,078 16,080	6,434 7,012 7,460 7,951	172,185 182,818 197,427 211,470
30th June 30th September 31st December	• •	78,641 78,897 80,635 83,628	55,500 56,533 58,345 61,640	32,350 32,266 33,962 36,089	21,507 21,618 22,772 24,751	15,844 15,388 15,276 15,877	8,033 8,163 8,497 9,033	211,875 212,865 219,487 231,018
31st March 30th April 31st May 30th June 31st July 31st August 30th September 31st October 30th November 31st December		83,574 83,586 83,880 84,267 85,146 85,840 86,696 88,440 90,311 92,820 96,187	62,208 62,379 62,782 63,524 64,445 65,495 66,856 67,831 69,486 71,636 74,557	36,484 36,608 36,796 36,910 36,934 37,062 37,482 37,962 38,332 39,274 40,286	25,237 25,226 25,164 25,306 25,349 25,369 25,553 25,800 26,191 26,727 27,454	15,416 15,331 15,448 15,519 15,488 15,558 15,760 15,982 16,398 16,900 17,470	8,988 9,049 8,994 9,034 9,023 9,008 8,998 8,985 9,028 9,219 9,457	231,907 232,179 233,064 234,560 236,385 238,332 241,345 245,000 249,746 256,576 265,411
28th February 31st March 30th April 31st May 30th June 31st July 31st August 30th September 31st October 30th November 31st December		98,066 100,097 102,871 105,528 109,199 111,320 113,952 116,680 119,858 123,141 126,513 130,332	76,403 78,365 79,582 81,881 84,079 85,020 86,524 87,797 89,915 91,914 94,219 96,558	40,641 40,943 41,266 41,552 42,111 42,483 42,903 43,420 44,361 45,474 46,303 47,472	27,808 27,921 27,898 28,329 28,628 28,761 28,936 29,172 29,719 30,328 30,965 31,867	17,807 17,779 18,155 18,534 18,859 19,052 19,160 19,363 19,605 20,107 20,708 21,201	9,600 9,655 9,798 9,918 9,929 9,932 9,924 9,986 10,109 10,234 10,332 10,665	270,325 274,760 279,570 285,742 292,805 296,568 301,399 306,418 313,567 321,198 329,040 338,095
31st January 28th February 31st March 30th April 31st May 30th June 31st July 31st August 30th September 31st October p 30th November p 31st December p		131,721 133,032 134,453 137,215 139,094 140,950 142,931 144,885 147,546 150,614 153,226 157,593	97,257 97,731 98,247 99,225 99,959 100,359 100,402 101,641 103,660 106,182 108,998 112,368	47,683 47,936 48,240 48,571 48,871 48,936 49,501 49,974 50,764 51,801 52,740 53,962	32,180 32,332 32,143 32,277 32,587 32,862 33,380 33,612 34,346 35,105 36,093 37,539	21,308 20,570 20,526 20,699 20,818 20,779 20,878 21,107 21,407 21,944 22,896 23,646	10,637 10,627 10,609 10,613 10,546 10,546 10,673 10,761 10,819 10,861 11,077 11,363	340,786 342,228 344,218 348,600 351,875 354,432 357,765 361,980 368,542 376,507 385,030 396,471

⁽a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time.
(c) Includes the Northern Territory.

⁽b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

								Average Mo	onthly Net Sal	es Recorded.
			Period.					Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	• •		• •				• •	15.4 16.9 16.4	21.8 23.6 23.4	37.2 40.5 39.8
1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56							•••	30.3 38.0 46.1 52.0 46.3 57.3 63.9 66.5	63.1 72.2 94.9 110.1 111.8 122.2 141.6 154.8	93.4 110.2 141.0 162.1 158.1 179.5 205.5 221.3
1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	65.1 70.8 74.2	168.1 175.5 179.3	233.2 246.3 253.5
			Monthly 81%	y Taxable 1	Net Sales a	t each Rate	e of Tax.	Monthl	y Net Sales	Recorded
1958–59— October November December January February March April May June			16.2 16.8 18.3 10.6 13.3 13.1 13.8 13.0 12.8	36.6 36.0 38.8 28.4 30.4 30.7 31.8 28.8 29.0	10.5 9.9 9.6 7.9 9.2 9.3 10.4 9.8 10.1	7.8 7.6 8.8 4.9 5.8 6.1 6.6 6.8	12.9 12.1 11.4 8.3 10.8 11.4 12.1 10.8 11.2	84.0 82.4 86.9 60.1 69.5 70.6 74.7 69.2 69.7	189.7 192.3 188.1 145.1 169.6 170.8 190.1 173.6 191.6	273.7 274.7 275.0 205.2 239.1 241.4 264.8 242.8 261.3
1959-60— July August September October (a)		•••	14.1 14.5 r15.8 16.7	32.4 32.4 r37.0 37.8	10.1 9.8 r11.1 10.6	7.8 8.5 r9.0 8.8	12.0 13.0 14.2 15.4	76.4 78.2 r87.1 89.3	190.0 181.7 r185.5 193.9	266.4 259.9 r272.6 283.2

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated. For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

				Produ			for use in—									
						Manuf	acturing.				Fuel		Auxilia Aids 1		Muniti	
Period.	Building Construc		Rura Indust		Mo Veh Assemb	icle	Other (c)		Tota (c)	1.	and Lubrican		Product (e)		and W Store	
	Class 1	Α.	Class	IB.	Class 1	lc (5).	Class Ic	(1-4).	CLASS	I.	Class	II.	Class I	II.	Class V	/II.
Monthly Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	347 472 385 1,482 1,946 3,044 2,567 2,062 1,928	% 4.0 4.4 4.1 3.5 3.4 4.3 3.8 3.5 2.9 2.9	143 155 171 368 441 517 550 562 738 670	0.9 1.1) (f)	% (f) { (f) { (f) } .3 7.2 7.2 7.8	3,269 4,094 3,448 14,228 19,548 25,669 25,665 24,723 27,115 26,692	% 38.0 38.6 36.5 33.4 34.6 36.7 37.7 41.4 41.3 40.3	4,721 4,004 16,078 21,935 29,252 g34,454 31,647 34,532	% 43.7 44.5 42.4 37.8 38.8 41.7 50.6 53.0 52.5 52.0	4,790 3,889 2,343 2,026	10.0 6.9 5.7 3.9 3.1	415 480 476 1,951 1,995 2,503 2,357 2,191 2,223 2,204	% 4.8 4.5 5.1 4.6 3.5 3.6 3.7 3.4 3.7 3.3	31 36 88 755 351 728 1,071 745 676 721	% 0.4 0.3 0.9 1.8 0.6 0.9 1.6 1.2 1.0
1958–59 Monthly Total—	1,899	2.0	070	1.0	7,177	7.0	20,072	10.0	77,730	0.0.0	2,200		2,201	0.0	721	
1957-58— October November December January February March April May June	2,077 2,086 1,642 2,298 2,116 2,043 1,829 1,874 2,036	2.9 3.2 2.6 3.0 3.4 3.4 2.7 2.8 3.2	981 909 1,340 851	0.7 0.9 0.9 1.5 1.5 2.0 1.3	4,294 5,702 4,944 3,111 3,546	9.2 7.0 7.4 7.9 5.2 5.3 8.9	29,693 25,229	44.3 38.0	33,656 31,150 40,968 33,401 30,181 36,408 33,897	52.5 50.2 53.3 53.6 50.8 54.3 51.6	2,152 1,642 2,205 3,251 1,598 1,258 2,805	3.4 2.7 2.9 3.6 2.7 1.9 4.2	3,265 2,176 1,912 2,472 1,879 1,792 2,477 1,918 1,732	3.4 3.1 3.2 3.0 3.0 3.7 2.9	725 625 675 258 429 672 828 645 1,210	1.0 1.1 0.3 0.7 1.1 1.2 1.0
July August September October November December January February March April May June	2,075 1,722 2,281 1,676 1,763 2,277 2,108 1,405 1,564 1,899 1,858 2,154	2.6 2.9	599 519 822 729 620 519 625 579 822 710	0.8 0.8 1.3 1.1 1.0 0.7 1.1 1.0	4,642 7,156 4,816 5,159 5,820 4,616 4,924 3,953 3,962 6,662 7,5,244 5,172	9.8 7.3 7.9 8.7 7.5 6.6 6.7 6.7 9.1 8.3	28,715 26,132 25,655 27,836 26,321 33,314 23,548 22,347 26,246 26,351	39.4 39.5 39.5 41.4 42.4 44.8 40.5 37.9 36.0 41.6	4 38,192 33,748 4 33,312 4 36,148 4 33,834 4 40,865 2 29,531 9 28,452 0 35,629 8 34,163	52.4 51.8 50.8 53.4 54.6 54.9 48.6 54.9 48.6 54.1	1,926 2,358 2,820 7,2,400 6,1,814 9,2,873 4,2,583 3,2,184 1,784	2.6 3.6 4.3 3.6 2.9 3.9 4.4 3.7	2,691 2,612 1,664 1,750 2,368 1,863	2.8 4.0 4.3 4.3 3.5 2.8 3.6 3.6 3.6	1,059 579 467 499 781 709 884 641	1.1 1.4 1.6 0.9 0.8 0.6 1.3 1.2
1959–60 p— July August September October November	2,259 2,108 2,049 2,059 2,063	3.0 3.2 2.8	700 531 730	1.0 0.8 1.0	9 5,206 9 5,992 8 5,032 9 4,991 8 5,418	2 8.4 2 7.9 1 6.7	26,742 26,975 30,858	37. 42. 41.	7 35,542 1 34,587 4 38,638	50. 54. 51.	1 3,082 0 1,197	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4.3 \\ 7 & 1.9 \\ 1 & 3.0 \end{bmatrix}$	2,292 2,288 2,890	3.2	586 379 392	0.8

⁽a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI. E-J and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class VB. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class Ic. (5).

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

			Capital Equ	uipment	:.				Finis	shed Co	nsumer G	oods.		
Period.	Produ Equip	ucers' ment.	Complete Vehicles Assem Chass	e Road s and bled	Equip Vessels	lway oment, and Civil craft.	Food, Be	verages pacco.	Clothin Access		All O		Tot.	
	Class	IV.	Class V	7. в.	Class V.	A, C, D.	Class VI.	A, B, C.	Class \	/I. d.	Class V	І. е-ј.	Class	VI.
Monthly Average		%		%		%		%		%	-	%		%
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	884 1,149 1,104	10.3 10.8 11.7	872 1,161 899	10.1 11.0 9.5	146 205 119	1.7 1.9 1.3	516 531 564	6.0 5.0 6.0	46 68 84	0.5 0.6 0.9	1,480	15.3 14.0 14.4	1,878 2,079 2,009	21.8 19.6 21.3
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55	8,409 9,474 10,289	19.8 16.8 14.8	3,569 5,769 7,377	8.3 10.2 10.5	1,703 1,552 1,824	4.0 2.7 2.6	1,917 2,658 3,236	4.5 4.7 4.6	130 446 614	0.3 0.8 0.9	2,704 6,736 9,468	11.9	4,751 9,840 13,318	11.2 17.4 19.0
1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	11,174 10,132 12,040 11,613	16.4 16.9 18.3 17.5	(b)1,784 958 1,047 951	2.6 1.6 1.6 1.4	1,841 1,616 1,353 2,220	2.7 2.8 2.1 3.4	2,276 2,388 2,523 2,699	3.3 4.0 3.8 4.1	491 281 429 397	0.7 0.5 0.6 0.6	8,854 7,422 8,923 8,695	13.0 12.4 13.6	11,621 10,091 11,875 11,791	17.0 16.9 18.0 17.8
Monthly Total— 1957-58—													, , , , , , ,	
October November December January February March April May June	11,482 11,459 12,302 14,701 11,226 12,307 11,785 12,167 10,822	16.0 17.8 19.8 19.0 18.0 20.7 17.5 18.2 17.1	1,045 987 884 1,097 973 998 1,002 1,076 858	1.5 1.5 1.4 1.4 1.6 1.7 1.5 1.6 1.3	1,575 1,301 2,223 2,053 767 810 965 1,281 1,014	2.0 2.0 3.5 2.7 1.1 1.4 1.9 1.6	3,397 2,858 2,589 2,773 2,892 2,170 2,928 3,048 1,888	4.7 4.4 4.2 3.6 4.6 3.6 4.4 4.6 3.0	366 326 412 646 545 601 511 352 301	0.5 0.5 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0 0.8 0.5 0.5	9,570 8,650 8,237 9,865 8,025 8,297 8,976 9,388 9,398	13.3 13.5 13.3 12.8 12.9 14.0 13.3 14.1 14.8	13,333 11,834 11,238 13,284 11,462 11,068 12,415 12,788 11,587	18.5 18.4 18.2 17.2 18.4 18.6 18.5 19.2 18.3
July August September October November December January February March April May June 1959-60 p—	10,141 13,657 11,821 11,083 12,004 10,879 12,507 10,445 10,704 13,485 10,481 12,151	15.9 18.7 18.0 16.9 17.8 17.6 16.8 17.8 18.2 18.5 16.6 17.5	750 1,030 991 1,156 870 966 1,087 784 912 1,123 661 1,078	1.5 1.1	3,471 514 920 1,624 624 832 1,220 2,188 3,763 4,460 2,610 4,415	5.4 0.7 1.4 2.5 0.9 1.3 1.6 3.8 6.4 6.6 4.1 6.4	2,814 3,414 2,931 2,635 2,626 2,291 2,916 2,696 2,529 2,179 2,748 2,608	4.4 4.7 4.5 4.1 3.9 3.7 3.9 4.6 4.3 3.0 4.4 3.8	403 538 399 312 301 361 510 467 458 490 264 262	0 7 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.7 0.4 0.4	7,405 7,403 9,623 7,850	12.4 14.6 14.7 13.7 13.2 12.6 12.6 12.8 12.6 13.0 12.5 12.8	11,112 14,462 12,981 11,794 12,000 10,423 12,731 10,568 10,390 12,292 10,862 11,799	17.5 20.0 19.8 18.2 17.5 16.9 17.2 18.2 17.7 16.7 17.3 17.0
July August September October	12,248 11,572 11,072 12,168 13,461	17.3 16.3 17.3 16.3 18.2	769 964 778 936 824	1.4 1.2 1.3	2,920 4,365 1,524 3,336 2,247	4.1 6.1 2.4 4.5 3.0	2,592 2,957 2,976 3 570 2,663	3.6 4.2 4.6 4.8 3.6	347 471 372 272 376	0.5 0.7 0.6 0.3 0.5		12.7 12.9 13.8 13.5 14.3	r11,865 12,623 12,209 13,883 13,634	16.8 17.8 19.0 18.6 18.4

⁽a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 17. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class Ic.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

			cers' Mate			Consumer Class VI.) (Tota		of Merchand Classes.)	lise.
Period.		Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Monthly Average— 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39		1,024 1,241 1,100	373 449 351	2,362 3,031 2,553	45 48 55	303 300 309	1,530 1,731 1,645	1,069 1,289 1,155	1,505 1,796 1,627	6,032 7,530 6,653	8,606 10,615 9,435
1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59		4,712 6,260 8,818 10,095 10,650 11,563 11,628	4,986 4,557 4,741 5,501	9,171 12,486 15,448 19,802 16,256 17,468 17,856	251 385 428 423 497 600 565	1,182 1,471 2,082 1,191 1,450 1,359 1,550	3,318 7,984 10,808 10,007 8,144 9,916 9,676		9,443 11,384 13,167 10,913 9,623 10,089 9,961	28,123 38,520 47,668 46,760 38,953 43,520 44,052	42,529 56,549 70,081 68,191 59,723 65,772 66,206
Monthly Total- 1957-58— October November December January February March April May June		12,669 10,565 10,981 14,358 12,281 10,312 14,729 10,819 10,957	5,209 4,187 5,922 5,013 5,433 5,749 5,135	18,952 17,882 15,982 20,688 16,107 14,436 15,930 17,943 17,915	796 741 437 818 567 675 686 673 425	1,923 1,598 1,478 1,153 1,824 875 1,488 1,698 998	10,614 9,495 9,323 11,313 9,071 9,518 10,241 10,417 10,164	11,306 11,418 15,176 12,848 10,987 15,415 11,492	12,009 10,215 8,417 10,698 10,264 8,947 9,630 10,869 9,281	42,669 42,191 51,164 39,276 39,492 42,093	71,820 64,190 62,026 77,038 62,388 59,426 67,138 66,577 63,233
July August September October November December January February March April May June		13,226 9,869 10,969 10,253 12,642 12,808 15,987 10,597 8,986 10,084 12,838 11,277	6,143 4,947 5,495 4,585 4,498 5,495 3,939 4,053 5,310 4,378	16,066 22,180 17,832 17,564 18,921 16,528 19,383 14,995 15,413 20,235 16,947 18,205	517 544 534 622 537 499 581 555 724 494 486 688	1,742 2,266 1,922 1,290 1,517 1,151 1,623 1,498 1,444 1,175 1,586 1,385	11,652 10,525 9,882 9,946 8,773 10,527 8,495 8,222 10,623 8,790	5 11,503 2 10,875 5 13,179 3 13,307 7 16,568 5 11,152	8,821	50,672 43,535 43,897 44,567 39,958 46,527 38,329 40,460 51,860 40,920	63,805 72,847 65,537 65,474 67,522 61,906 74,394 58,544 58,864 73,082 63,065 69,348
1959–60 p— July August September October November	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	11,046 11,017 11,801 14,549 12,855	5,054 5,642 5,796	19,383 19,471 17,144 18,293 18,896	706 693 601 840 598		10,27 10,03 11,71	9 11,752 7 11,710 1 12,402 3 15,389 8 13,453	11,08 9,575 10,690	48,235 42,057 48,385	r70,614 71,026 64,034 74,464 74,156

(a) See note (c) page 17. (b) See note (a) page 18. (c) See note (g) page 17.

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed."

For meaning of symbols p, r, ——, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.		Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool,	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchan- dise.
Monthly Average 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	• •	(a)861 (a)1,021 (a)982	734 898 1,074	2,029 2,245 1,106	165 171 169	172 224 239	309 336 348	609 516 342	5,209 3,915 3,561	402 409 356	11,719
1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	•••	5,481 4,817 5,291 5,039 4,250 4,602 r8,100	1,675 1,338 2,049 2,414 2,152 1,303 2,079	7,449 5,053 5,461 5,513 6,811 3,570 4,309	791 782 731 762 715 1,089 785	669 616 703 650 549 762 1,062	1,805 2,639 2,604 2,070 2,407 2,919 2,687	1,677 1,620 1,642 1,740 2,022 2,116 1,964	33,576 34,202 29,426 28,127 40,310 31,116 25,187	2,116 2,004 2,070 2,106 2,684 1,829 1,580	67,655 63,170 64,236 81,083 r67,525
Monthly Total—											
November November December January February March April May June	•••	5,241 4,599 3,739 3,701 3,320 3,447 4,346 5,181	2,766 1,877 1,822 1,136 951 424 570 933	5,546 2,900 3,727 2,173 2,202 2,220 2,661 2,574	144 77 29 343 1,488 3,183 4,525 2,463	230 67 156 39 484 1,000 2,062 1,194	4,013 4,294 3,121 450 1,734 1,272 760 280	2,649 2,227 2,172 2,152 1,885 1,417 1,491 1,334	40,723 37,994 31,965 32,555 32,012 22,495 25,173 20,484	1,999 1,062 2,577 1,899 1,625 1,869 995 1,859	83,018 70,234 66,571 59,582 60,937 52,861 64,338 54,434
July August September October November December January February March April May June		7,413 6,613 6,158 9,004 8,973 9,183 8,463 7,952 7,548 7,170 9,283	1,104 r840 1,586 2,946 2,243 3,610 3,312 3,591 1,173 1,660 1,794 1,097	3,896 3,500 3,844 4,352 2,253 4,263 4,500 6,478 3,993 4,720 3,771 6,143	335 209 r95 163 140 19 14 153 1,038 2,569 3,439 1,239	1,973 2,056 1,595 901 309 184 40 23 87 970 2,021 2,589	2,345 3,276 r4,961 5,054 2,144 3,230 1,727 2,298 1,984 2,499 2,153 577	1,672 1,763 2,032 1,819 1,782 1,916 1,714 1,912 1,689 2,202 2,423 2,648	22,321 10,577 17,446 28,912 26,642 r33,262 25,112 26,911 28,048 26,074 r30,911 26,027	1,731 1,122 1,480 1,875 1,998 1,500 1,725 2,030 1,034 1,591 1,664 1,213	61,434 47,245 55,689 73,971 66,196 75,655 66,909 73,546 66,413 72,247 76,667 70,733
July August September October November December	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	7,418 12,017 8,064 8,822 7,708 7,950	r1,637 r1,200 r2,118 r2,887 r5,041 4,155	5,396 6,675 7,145 4,437 6,926 5,813	231 254 48 215 128 104	1,843 1,427 1,245 1,307 223 156	893 3,000 1,722 4,213 2,861 514	2,991 r3,172 3,339 2,800 2,512 2,919	r27,141 15,591 r22,608 35,856 39,709 49,949	717 1,111 679 1,419 1,963 1,069	r64,242 r69,563 r85,084 r87,980

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbol p, r, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1000.)

	(Di	ase of each			Ordinary S	hares.(a)		Queenslar	nd : Ordinar (b) (c)	y Shares.
Period.		23 Manufac- turing and Distribut- ing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	4 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 34 Miscel- laneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (d)	7 Industrials.	11 Financial and Trading.	18 Shares (total of foregoing).
1936–37		989 1,012 999	1,059 1,008 933	1,106 1,053 841	1,052 983 965	1,022 1,009 969	1,026 1,011 963	1,006 1,014 980	1,000 1,011 989	1,003 1,013 984
1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59		1,943 2,038 2,031 2,188 2,411	1,885 2,178 1,960 1,972 2,002	1,555 1,751 1,807 1,886 1,597	2,184 2,142 2,489 2,827 3,117	1,626 1,726 1,707 1,836 1,966	1,598 1,649 1,653 1,803 1,978	1,695 1,726 1,714 1,846 1,950	1,434 1,475 1,467 1,500 1,452	1,575 1,612 1,600 1,687 1,722
1957–58— January February March April May June	•••	2,179 2,225 2,247 2,237 2,163 2,200	1,985 2,005 2,042 2,041 1,944 1,926	1,833 1,894 1,852 1,826 1,723 1,738	2,782 2,838 2,858 2,841 2,910 2,924	1,821 1,862 1,867 1,852 1,812 1,838	1,808 1,846 1,851 1,838 1,776 1,816	1,818 1,854 1,899 1,896 1,858 1,886	1,469 1,476 1,467 1,455 1,446 1,450	1,658 1,680 1,700 1,694 1,669 1,686
July August September October November December January February March April May June		2,499 2,570	2,083 2,022 2,029 2,058	1,522 1,564 1,511 1,636	2,878 2,927 2,995 3,093 3,155 3,221 3,329 3,435	1,900 1,914 1,868 1,883 1,914 1,967 1,998 1,984 2,045 5 2,102	1,892 1,865 1,902 1,932 1,982 2,026 1,995 2,062 2,145	1,966 1,941 1,974	1,440 1,437 1,450 1,471 1,494 1,465 1,428	1,691 1,694 1,721 1,745 1,736 1,706 1,733
July August September October November December January	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2,916 3,042 3,159 3,091 3,116	2,428 2,562 2,662 2,586 2,590	1,965 2,345 2,362 2,362 2,242 2,230	3,778 3,886 4,210 4,290 4,160	2,440 2,560 2,668 0 2,639 0 2,643	2,482 2,613 3 2,713 9 2,662 3 2,662	2 3 3 7 2	(c)	(c)

⁽a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies (b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. (c) Index temporarily suspended pending revision. (d) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

		(Dasi	oi caci	ii iiidex	. MVCI	age of 7	years e	naed Ji	ine, 193	9 = 10	U.)		
Period.		\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	W/1	D	Metals.	Meats.		Dried		Hides.		All G	roups.
renod.		Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	(a)	(b)	Sugar.	Fruits.	Tallow.	(d)	Gold.	Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution Base Aggrega (1936–37 to 1938	of (45.63 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2. 5 8	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	100.00	100.00
1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	• •	122 99 79	123 111 66	92 107 101	120 96 84	98 106 96	104 92 104	103 103 94	122 100 78	113 100 87	99 98 103	116 102 82	115 102 83
1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59		564 616 615 538 464 578 471 362	436 445 411 357 324 327 357 350	291 313 325 313 320 250 218 230	811 504 450 511 562 545 398 386	263 314 338 344 355 368 333 394	464 501 479 445 450 501 518 475	302 297 287 267 286 319 341 p382	451 358 321 349 353 357 368 367	486 369 336 218 238 240 240 335	184 186 179 178 178 178 178 178	495 505 496 450 414 464 400 p351	473 483 474 431 397 444 385 p339
1957–58— December January February March April May June		445 453 468 422 400 392 400	359 363 368 371 365 367 369	225 207 194 188 163 162 166	372 369 375 375 370 369 377	290 315 294 308 353 364 368	481 504 496 496 479 485 477	346 345 349 346 346 339 347	365 376 379 380 368 373 375	243 237 239 239 235 241 239	178 178 178 178 178 178 178	383 387 393 372 358 356 361	369 373 378 358 346 344 348
July August September October November December January February March April May June		(e) 400 354 354 336 339 328 321 339 347 415 415 400	366 369 363 363 355 353 347 336 336 337 339 336	178 190 190 195 222 242 250 250 249 249 262 287	371 369 372 391 404 389 390 384 385 382 396 401	351 370 393 405 407 404 408 387 382 393 402 429	474 (351 363 370 385 390 391 e) 391 e) 391 p387 p388 p387	384 375 383 382 378 375 372 360 357 348 347 341	228 234 250 270 273 285 287 341 428 521 456 452	178 178 178 178 178 178 178 178 178 178	361 342 343 337 342 337 334 339 343 p377 p381 p378	348 330 332 326 330 326 323 328 331 p364 p367 p364
July August September October November December		(e)407 445 430 430 422 p437	332 340 331 330 333 p333	312 336 350 359 367 367	402 418 420 431 437 436	439 411 376 (f) (f) (f)	437 461 438 440 458 p458	p387 p365 p360 p359 p358 p356	327 324 309 307 304 307	464 461 440 395 312 334	178 178 178 178 178 178	p384 p406 p396 p398 p395 p405	p370 p390 p380 p382 p380 p389

⁽a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton. pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal. (f) Actual prices realized not yet fully known provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS-EXPORT PRICE INDEX-WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 22 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. "Wool" and "Other Groups" are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.		Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.		Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1947–48	• •	287 365 473 999 564 616	280 305 308 365 397 371	283 332 383 654 473 483	1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	• •	615 538 464 578 471 362	356 342 342 331 313 p320	474 431 397 444 385 p339

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Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
		1954–55.			1955–56.			1956–57.	
July	 (a)622	338	468	(a)505	347	419	490	330	403
August	 566	338	442	453	347	395	520	330	417
September	 566	339	442	437	347	388	566	336	441
October	 536	344	431	437	351	390	551	332	432
November	 513	343	421	437	352	391	581	331	445
December	 532	348	432	453	352	398	588	329	447
January	 520	345	425	460	349	400	596	330	451
February	 528	342	427	460	340	395	611	330	458
March	 528	341	426	453	335	388	596	329	451
April	 520	340	422	468	325	390	618	331	462
May	 520	340	422	498	323	403	626	333	467
June	 505	343	417	(a)505	331	411	596	332	452

		1957–58.			1958-59.		1959–60.			
July	 (a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348	(a)407	p338	p370	
August	 551	331	431	354	310	330	445	p344	p390	
September	 543	328	426	354	312	332	430	p339	p380	
October	 498	323	403	336	318	326	430	p343	p382	
November	 483	315	391	339	323	330	422	p344	p380	
December	 445	305	369	328	324	326	p437	p349	p389	
January	 453	306	373	321	325	323	1	1	1	
February	 468	303	378	339	318	328				
March	 422	304	358	347	319	331				
April	 400	301	346	415	p321	p364				
May	 392	303	344	415	p327	p367				
June	 400	306	348	400	p334	p364				

(a) Nominal.

Note.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The "changing weights" index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Gro	ups.	Month of D	December.	Six months ended December.			
		1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.		
Excluding Wool Including Wool		 100 100	p109 p122	100 100	p110 p118		

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group: Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

	1										
			Bas	ic Materia	ls.				Basic Ma	Materials & Foodstuffs.	
Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemi- cals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Mater- ials.	Total.	Food- stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Goods prin- cipally Imported. (b)	Goods prin- cipally Home Produced. (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	96 101 103	99 101 100	118 100 82	99 100 101	111 97 92	99 104 97	99 102 99	98 102 101	99 102 99	98 101 100	99 101 100
1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	343 392 388 391 404 409 398 392	220 234 222 214 220 241 238 231	577 607 566 510 456 520 437 362	314 350 323 314 317 344 349 327	298 224 191 246 328 302 280 293	370 404 363 372 415 463 453 423	321 350 332 330 345 367 355 340	276 293 308 315 325 324 325 332	288 292 271 277 292 311 301 283	300 331 339 340 352 357 355 358	297 319 319 322 334 344 339 336
1957–58— December January February March April May June	399 400 397 398 395 393 394	236 236 236 236 236 236 236	419 424 434 404 389 384 387	346 347 347 347 346 346 346	293 278 273 278 277 263 254	457 458 458 458 458 420 420	355 355 355 353 351 343 343	319 318 320 323 321 330 332	304 302 301 301 301 290 290	348 349 350 351 349 355 357	335 335 336 337 335 336 337
July August September October November December January February March April May June	394 394 394 394 390 391 392 390 390 387 388	231 231 231 232 231 231 231 231 232 232	387 358 358 341 344 337 333 346 353 398 402 392	327 327 327 327 327 327 327 327 327 327	249 244 244 243 254 267 263 284 326 410 371 361	420 420 432 432 425 420 422 422 422 422 422 422	339 338 340 339 338 336 336 336 340 346 344 343	332 338 337 330 326 322 320 328 341 340 336 338	285 285 283 282 282 282 280 281 282 282 284	357 360 361 356 352 348 347 354 365 368 363 364	336 338 338 334 332 328 327 332 340 343 340 340
July August September October November December	385 388 388 388 390 p389	231 230 223 223 223 223 223	392 417 405 404 399 p411	330 330 330 328 328 328	394 411 414 375 360 359	422 422 425 425 425 433	343 346 345 343 342 p344	340 343 339 339 335 p338	282 281 276 277 279 280	366 371 369 367 363 p366	342 345 342 341 338 p341

⁽a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding Coal and Briquettes was 415 for December, 1959. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports. (c) Note.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For December, 1959, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 337; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 365; "Total All Groups," 340.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.

/D	A	r	2	1 1	T	1020	100 \
(Base:	Average	01	o vears	ended	lune.	1939 =	100.1

Period.	Australia.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America.	Sweden.	United K		France.	India.
	(a)				(b)	(b)	(c)	(d)		
1936–37	99 101 100	96 102 102	97 103 100	101 104 95	104 101 95	98 103 99	Bas 30th Jur = 1	ie, 1949	Base: 1949 = 100.	Base: 1938-39 (e) = 100.
1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	334 344 339 336	253 262 264 g275	283 285 289 288	217 222 222 p224	212 220 225 226	290 296 295 290	155 158 (f)145 137	133 138 (<i>f</i>)141 142	139 143 161 170	373 424 429 438
1958-59— Apr May June	343 340 340		289 288 288	226 226 225	227 227 226	288 290 292	139 140 139	142 142 142	173 174 172	431 435 440
1959–60— July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec	342 345 342 341 338 p341		288	226 225 225 225 225	226 225 226 225 225 225 225	290 292 294 296	138 141 141 141 p141 p142	142 142 142 p143 p143 p143	172 174 176 p178	451 453 456

⁽b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 for U.S.A. and 1955-56 for Sweden. (c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. (d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco. (e) Year ended August, 1939. (f) From January, 1958, the index numbers reflect the movement of the nearest equivalent index in a new series of indexes on base 1954 = 100. (g) New index of "Prices paid for commodities used by Domestic Industry and Consumers", linked to former index at 1958. (a) See note (c), page 24.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

		(1	Dusc . 11v	crase c	y care circ	rea jane, 1757	100 (4).)		
Peri	iod.		Austra (b)		New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America.	United Kingdom.
1936-37			97.	3	96	97	98	100	Base:
1937–38			99.	8	101	101	102	101	17th June,
1938–39			102.	9	103	102	100	99	1947 = 100c
1/30 3/			A	В					
1955-56			274.2	277.4	206	209	186	190	(d) 154
1956–57			286.2	290.9		212	191	196	159
1957–58			292.5	291.5		221	197	202	166
1958–59			299.5	298.9		226	200	205	168
			277.3	270.7	251	220	200	200	100
1958–59—							100	20.5	1.00
April						226	199	205	168
May			>302.4	301.9	232 <	227	200	205	167
June			J			227	200	206	168
1959-60-									
July)			227	200	207	167
August		• •	>305.3	305.0	234 -	227	201	207	168
September			700.0	202.0	20.	227	202	207	167
October	• •		3			> 221	203	208	168
			>308.4	308.1	233 -)	204	208	169
November			7,000.4	J00.1	233		207	208	169
December			J			<u></u>		200	107

⁽a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (c) and (d). (b) The index in column "A" excludes, and that in column "B" includes, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 cannot be linked to former series.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this page and page 29 the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base, Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000, in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

						rs ended J	Six Capital		Weekly	Wage Rate I Six States.	ndexes:
Period	d.	Food and		Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Gr		Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wa Male (a)(b)	S.
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	• •		963 989 048	968 1,001 1,031	976 1,006 1,018	996 1,003 1,001		973 998 029	949 1,007 1,044	1,(976 909 915
1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55		2, 3, 3,			3,623 3,893 3,938 3,940	1,898 2,124 2,148 2,145	2, 2, 2,	337 550 622 644	2,806 3,104 3,207 3,249	1,2 1,2 1,2	201 217 223 229
1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	• •	3,265 3,395 3,424 3,492		1,377 1,458 1,527 1,621	3,968 4,043 4,147 4,192	2,230 2,423 2,497 2,565	A 2,742 2,862 2,925 2,995	B 2,774 2,909 2,915 2,989	(c) 3,362 (c) 3,536 3,605 3,681	A 1,226 1,236 1,233 1,229	B 1,212 1,216 1,237 1,232
1954–55— June	Quarter	3,	169	1,320	3,961	2,157	2,6	678	3,283	1,2	226
1955–56— September December March June	Quarter	A 3,215 3,239 3,262 3,343	B 3,265 3,308 3,348 3,495	1,330 1,337 1,415 1,425	3,965 3,971 3,965 3,971	2,169 2,218 2,227 2,305	A 2,700 2,721 2,748 2,797	B 2,719 2,746 2,780 2,851	3,299 3,345 (c) 3,369 (c) 3,436	A 1,222 1,229 1,226 1,228	B 1,213 1,218 1,212 1,205
1956–57— September December March June	Quarter	3,394 3,380 3,401 3,406	3,712 3,559 3,412 3,429	1,436 1,446 1,465 1,483	3,985 4,024 4,062 4,100	2,369 2,418 2,435 2,468	2,832 2,849 2,872 2,893	2,946 2,913 2,876 2,901	(c) 3,480 (c) 3,543 (c) 3,539 (c) 3,583	1,229 1,244 1,232 1,239	1,181 1,216 1,231 1,235
1957–58— September December March June	Quarter	3,417 3,381 3,446 3,453	3,403 3,350 3,419 3,412	1,500 1,512 1,525 1,571	4,114 4,139 4,148 4,186	2,488 2,498 2,500 2,501	2,907 2,905 2,933 2,955	2,903 2,893 2,923 2,940	3,594 3,595 3,594 3,638	1,236 1,238 1,225 1,231	1,238 1,243 1,230 1,23 7
1958–59— September December March June	Quarter	3,452 3,475 3,498 3,542	3,410 3,458 3,509 3,531	1,594 1,614 1,631 1,646	4,188 4,192 4,181 4,205	2,525 2,579 2,578 2,577	2,966 2,991 3,000 3,024	2,950 2,984 3,003 3,019	3,652 3,655 3,668 3,753	1,231 1,222 1,223 1,241	1,238 1,225 1,221 1,243
1959–60— September December	Quarter	3,592 3,627	3,583 3,616	1,667 1,692	4,224 4,284	2,589 2,597	3,053 3,084	3,050 3,081	3,778	1,237	1,239

⁽a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.

weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series retail price index number.

(c) Partly estimated.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items of the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950–53.

(Base of each Group: Year 1952-53 = 100.)

	Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.											
Period.	Food	d.(a)	Clothing and Drapery.	Rent.	Other Items.	All Gro	ups.(a)					
Year ended June— 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959	 A 100.0 102.8 104.8 108.1 112.4 114.0 115.8	B 100.0 103.7 104.6 110.6 115.8 113.7 115.9	100.0 101.6 102.4 103.3 105.8 109.2 110.4	100.0 105.0 109.6 115.5 122.5 128.4 136.5	100.0 100.9 101.4 106.4 117.8 120.2 123.9	A 100.0 102.2 103.7 107.0 113.0 115.7 118.4	B 100.0 102.5 103.6 108.0 114.3 115.6 118.5					
Quarter ended— 1958—March June September December 1959—March June September December	 114.6 114.9 114.7 115.1 116.1 117.4 118.2 118.7	114.4 114.4 114.2 115.1 116.7 117.6 118.5 118.9	109.3 110.2 110.3 110.5 110.3 110.7 111.1 112.4	128.2 132.2 134.2 136.0 137.4 138.6 140.6 142.8	120.2 120.4 121.4 124.5 124.7 125.2 125.8 126.9	115.9 116.7 117.1 118.3 118.8 119.7 120.4 121.4	115.8 116.5 116.9 118.3 119.0 119.7 120.5 121.5					

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, potatoes and onions.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946–47 to 1950–51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

	Year.		Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936–37			114 98 88	115 98 87	93 102 105	109 99 92	126 95 79	104 100 96
1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54		• •	272 291 355 364 324 316	396 818 501 531 534 489	228 258 332 387 395 371	316 505 410 440 429 401	483 1,098 552 623 621 540	261 308 363 379 365 355
1955–56	• •	• •	330 336 336	451 536 435	392 386 382	397 432 388	468 607 473	373 374 359

COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

						verage of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)					
	Export Pri	ce Index—A	all Groups.	Wholesa (Basic Mat Foodstu					xes—All Gro of Six Capita		
Period.	Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.	Basic Materials.	All Groups.		" C " Seri	es Index.(c)		Interim	Index.(d)
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	108 105 87	116 102 82	115 102 83	99 102 99	99 101 100	97 99 102	.8	1952-5 (Arithmet	se: 3 = 100 ically con- comparison.)		ase: 3 = 100
1951–52	397	495	473	321	297	233	.7	91	.7	. 91	
1952–53 1953–54 1954–55	371 356 342	505 496 450	483 474 431	350 332 330	319 319 322	255 262 264	.2	100 102 103	.8	A 100.0 102.2 103.7	B 100.0 102.5 103.6
1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	342 331 313 p320	414 464 400 p351	397 444 385 p339	345 367 355 340	334 344 339 336	A 274.2 286.2 292.5 299.5	B 277.4 290.9 291.5 298.9	A 107.5 112.2 114.7 117.5	B 108.8 114.1 114.3 117.2	107.0 113.0 115.7 118.4	108.0 114.3 115.6 118.5
July August September October November December January February March April May June	327 331 328 323 315 305 306 303 304 301 303 306	470 450 445 420 407 383 387 393 372 358 356 361	450 431 426 403 391 369 373 378 358 346 344 348	364 363 361 358 357 355 355 355 353 351 343 343	347 350 346 338 334 335 336 337 335 336 337	\\ \{ 290.7 \\ \} 290.5 \\ \} 293.3 \\ \} 295.5	290.3 289.3 292.3 294.0	114.0 114.0 115.0 115.9	113.8 113.5 114.7 115.3	115.1 115.1 115.9 116.7	115.1 114.9 115.8 116.5
July August September October November December January February March April May June	304 310 312 318 323 324 325 318 319 p321 p327 p334	361 342 343 337 342 337 334 339 343 p377 p381 p378	348 330 332 326 330 326 323 328 331 p364 p367 p364	339 338 340 339 338 336 336 338 340 346 344 343	336 338 338 334 332 328 327 332 340 343 340 340	\\ 296.6 \\ 299.1 \\ 300.0 \\ 302.4	295.0 298.4 300.3 301.9	116.3 117.3 117.7 118.6	115.7 117.0 117.8 118.4	117.1 118.3 118.8 119.7	116.9 118.3 119.0 119.7
July August September October November December	p338 p344 p339 p343 p344 p349	p384 p406 p396 p398 p395 p405	p370 p390 p380 p382 p380 p389	343 346 345 343 342 p344	342 345 342 341 338 p341	}305.3 }308.4	305.0 308.1	119.7	119.6	120.4	120.5

⁽a) See note (c) page 24. (b) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 27.

WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania	Six Capitals or Six States.
1958 : June Quarter— Nominal weekly wage rate (a) Average weekly hours (a) Federal metrop. basic wage (b) State ,, ,,	3,768 890 268/- (c) 274/-	3,583 889 260/- (d) 263/-	890	3,510 890 256/- (f) 256/-			889 261/-
1958 : September Quarter— Nominal weekly wage rate (a) Average weekly hours (a) Federal metrop. basic wage (b) State ,, ,, ,,	3,769 890 268/– (c) 274/–	3,589 889 260/- (d) 263/-	890	3,512 890 256/- (f) 256/-	879	890	889 261/-
1958: December Quarter— Nominal weekly wage rate (a) Average weekly hours (a) Federal metrop. basic wage (b) State ,, ,, ,	890 268/-	3,596 888 260/- (d) 263/-	9 890	890 256/-	879	89 267/	889 261/-
1959: March Quarter— Nominal weekly wage rate (a) Average weekly hours (a) Federal metrop. basic wage (b) State ,, ,, ,,	890 268/-	88 260/	9 890	890 256/-	87	9 89 - 267/	889 261/-
1959: June Quarter— Nominal weekly wage rate(a). Average weekly hours(a) Federal metrop. basic wage (l State ,, ,, ,,	890	889	890	890 271/	879 - 276/	890	889 276/-
1959: September Quarter— Nominal weekly wage rate (a Average weekly hours (a) . Federal metrop. basic wage (l State ,, ,, ,,	. 890 283/-	889	9 890	0 890 /- 271	879	9 89 /- 282	0 889 /- 276/-

⁽a) Index numbers: Base—Weighted Average, Six States, Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. See note at head of page 26.
(b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning cf the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (d) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956. (e) Payable as from 28th April, 1958. (f) Payable as from 26th May, 1958. (g) Payable as from 7th February, 1958. (h) Payable as from 24th July, 1958. (i) Payable as from 4th August, 1958. (j) Payable as from 27th October, 1958. (k) Payable as from 2nd February, 1959. (l) Payable from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959. (m) During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards varied determinations by adopting the Federal basic wage rate. (n) Payable as from 27th April, 1959. (o) Payable as from 15th June, 1959. (p) Payable as from 27th July, 1959. (q) Wages Boards adopted the Federal basic wage rate from July, 1959.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 73 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
		ge Weekly	Total Was	ges Paid (£'	000).	,	
1952–53	15,422	10,816	4,868	3,357	2,492	1,199	38,154
1953–54	16,480	11,767	5,227	3,615	2,754	1,305	41,148
1954–55	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955–56	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956–57	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957–58	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958–59	22,484	16,257	7,034	4,793	3,361	1,729	55,658
1957–58— September Quarter December , March , . June ,	21,289	15,170	6,592	4,619	3,317	1,578	52,565
	22,741	16,253	6,894	4,772	3,353	1,674	55,687
	20,630	14,789	6,091	4,480	3,116	1,653	50,759
	21,995	15,831	6,764	4,668	3,350	1,778	54,386
September ,, December ,, March ,, June ,,	22,182	15,908	7,016	4,757	3,407	1,654	54,924
	23,645	17,044	7,424	4,961	3,505	1,799	58,378
	21,253	15,382	6,565	4,568	3,131	1,669	52,568
	22,857	16,692	7,132	4,886	3,402	1,793	56,762
September "	23,583	17,312	7,491	5,228	3,563	1,771	58,948
Ar	verage Week	ly Earning	s per Empl	OYED MALE	Unit (£).(d)	
1952–53	15.96	15.71	14.17	15.17	14.69	14.80	15.45
1953–54	16.69	16.64	14.98	15.87	15.59	15.78	16.26
1954–55	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955–56	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956–57	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957–58	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958–59	21.11	20.89	18.78	19.11	18.34	19.42	20.31
1957-58-							
September Quarter December ,,	20.18	19.97	17.83	18.66	18.37	18.22	19.47
	21.44	21.27	18.96	19.25	18.46	19.22	20.59
	19.43	19.14	16.76	18.01	17.10	18.58	18.68
	20.70	20.49	18.22	18.79	18.30	19.76	19.93
September ,, December ,, March ,, June ,,	20.92	20.68	18.68	19.17	18.67	18.74	20.16
	22.19	22.01	19.88	19.89	19.12	20.37	21.35
	19.94	19.63	17.65	18.15	17.08	18.61	19.14
	21.37	21.27	18.88	19.23	18.48	19.97	20.57

⁽a) Includes salaries. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

Note.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

BUILDING PERMITS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

Period.	New D	wellings.	Other New	Buildings.	Total New	Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.	
Monthly Average	_	£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
1937–38(a)	. 1,122 . 1,394 . 1,463	1,104 1,413 1,509	154 147 137	474 472 424	1,276 1,541 1,600	1,578 1,885 1,933	408 422 420	1,986 2,307 2,353	
1952–53	2,736 2,506 2,663	6,703 6,472 7,748	164 302 327	1,269 1,739 2,537	2,900 2,808 2,990	7,972 8,211 10,285	1,727 1,829 2,071	9,699 10,040 12,356	
1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	3,673 3,361 3,114 3,451 3,538	11,245 11,040 10,496 11,973 12,780	377 336 327 353 379	4,054 4,994 4,252 4,265 5,538	4,050 3,697 3,441 3,804 3,917	15,299 16,034 14,748 16,238 18,318	2,593 2,847 2,653 2,922 3,338	17,892 18,881 17,401 19,160 21,656	
Monthly Total—							-		
January . February . March . April May	. 2,413 . 3,351 . 3,155 . 3,552 . 3,567 . 3,679 . 3,639	8,967 11,123 10,768 11,944 12,903 12,726 12,705	229 287 346 348 360 419 401	2,483 5,764 3,778 3,601 6,082 5,197 5,391	2,642 3,638 3,501 3,900 3,927 4,098 4,040	11,450 16,887 14,546 15,545 18,985 17,923 18,096	2,019 2,772 2,455 2,728 3,074 2,955 3,308	13,469 19,659 17,001 18,273 22,059 20,878 21,404	
July August September October November December January February March April May June	4,411 3,459 4,115 3,839 3,523 2,787 2,712 3,440 3,317 3,772 3,366 3,723	15,447 12,432 14,586 13,500 12,997 9,928 10,176 12,697 11,998 13,585 11,975 14,031	466 425 408 420 347 330 266 326 349 365 399 444	7,161 6,540 4,563 5,384 3,962 4,015 3,747 4,395 6,695 6,277 7,507 6,210	4,877 3,884 4,523 4,259 3,870 3,117 2,978 3,766 3,666 4,137 3,765 4,167	22,608 18,972 19,149 18,884 16,959 13,943 13,923 17,092 18,693 19,862 19,482 20,241	3,642 3,311 3,761 3,303 3,000 2,563 2,092 3,103 2,658 3,633 5,069 3,924	26,250 22,283 22,910 22,187 19,959 16,506 16,015 20,195 21,351 23,495 24,551 24,165	
August September October November	4,146 3,905 4,099 4,031 4,310 2,980	14,918 15,147 16,056 15,104 16,658 12,072	459 507 447 422 374 315	5,740 6,251 5,951 10,309 4,064 4,968	4,605 4,412 4,546 4,453 4,684 3,295	20,658 21,398 22,007 25,413 20,722 17,040	3,666 3,752 4,145 3,907 3,809 4,275	24,324 25,150 26,152 29,320 24,531 21,315	

⁽a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbol ----, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS: METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

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					(£ 000.)						
Period.			Australia.		Ne	w South Wa	iles.	Victoria.			
		Govern- ment.			Govern- ment. (b)	Private.		Govern- ment.		Private.	
		Common- wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs	Other recorded areas.	Common- wealth and State.	Sydney Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note A.	Common- wealth and State.	Melbourne Metrop Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note B.	
Monthly Averag 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	e—	n.a. n.a. 408	(c)1,986 (c)2,307 (c)2,353	(d)627 (d)764 (d)755	n.a. n.a. 187	848 1,093 1,111	416 506 495	n.a. n.a. 107	667 669 702	62 78 63	
1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59 1957–58—	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	(e) 4,622 5,936 5,845 5,199 6,170 7,109	(f)12,356 (j)17,892 18,881 17,401 19,160 21,656	(j) 8,365 9,020 8,862 9,862	1,912 2,461 2,399 2,467 2,676 3,457	3,553 (k)6,340 6,742 6,365 6,961 8,077	(h)4,622 (k)3,550 3,365 3,323 3,967 4,295	1,653 1,779 1,559 1,432 1,717 1,747	(f)3,890 (k)5,598 6,163 5,648 6.698 7,803	(i) 2,297 (k)1,812 2,240 1,991 2,161 2,290	
March C)tr. ,,	5,998 7,266	18,311 21,447	9,452 10,052	2,171 3,894	6,689 8,48 3	3,713 3,901	1,644 1,526	6,543 7,060	2,14 5 2,30 7	
September December March	,, ,,	7,217 6,533 6,273 8,413	23,814 19,551 19,187 24,070	11,746 10,200 9,088 12,327	3,880 2.479 2,880 4.590	9,120 7,098 6,834 9,257	5,011 3,893 3,685 4,591	1,560 2,526 1,122 1,782	8,437 7,147 6,982 8,645	2,504 2,125 2,119 2,413	
September	,,	8,113 8,829	25,209 25,055		3,769 3,261	9,685 10,724	5,340 6,039	2,234 2,323	8,491 7,436	2,802 2,378	
Monthly Total-											
January February March April May June		3,499 6,999 8,321 9,423 6,710 9,106	16,015 20,195 21,351 23,495 24,551 24,165	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	1,666 3,087 3,887 6,038 3,717 4,015	5,783 7,676 7,042 9,084 9,284 9,403	3,975 3,525 3,555 4,677 4,057 5,040	1,113 1,078 1,175 1,732 1,406 2,208	5,213 6,893 8,842 8,527 9,531 7,878	1,928 2,362 2,067 2,556 2,204 2,479	
1959–60 July August September October November December	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	7,151 4,932 12,255 8,885 8,502 9,099	24,324 25,150 26,152 29,320 24,531 21,315	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	3,291 2,288 5,727 2,092 2,851 4,838	8,536 9,821 10,698 14,213 9,080 8,879	5,314 5,288 5,419 8,283 5,009 4,824	2,364 1,405 2,934 2,248 2,800 1,921	8,389 8,488 8,595 7,934 7,437 6,938	3,150 2,787 2,468 2,675 2,549 1,911	

⁽a) See note (a) on page 33, (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See note (c), page 33. (f) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (g) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. (h) See A below. (i) See B below. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November. 1956, issue of this publication.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.

B. Includes the Cities of Ballaarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale. Shepparton, and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

BUILDING OPERATIONS: METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

	Queensland.				uth Austra	lia.	Wes	stern Austr	alia.	Tasmania.			
	Govern- ment.	Govern- ment. Private.(a)		Govern- ment.(b) Private.(a)		Govern- ment.			Govern- ment.	Private.(a)			
Period.	Common- wealth and State.	Brisbane Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note C.	Common- wealth and State.	Adelaide Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note D.	Common- wealth and State.	Perth Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note E.	Common- wealth and State.	Hobart Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note F.	
Monthly Average— 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	n.a.	153 167 171	98 114 118	n.a. n.a. 22	118 173 192	32 48 63	n.a. n.a. 38	168 174 145	n.a. n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. 20	32 31 32	19 18 16	
1953–54 . 1954–55 . 1955–56 . 1956–57 . 1957–58 . 1958–59 .	. 489 . 545 . 346 . 614	1,299 1,449 1,679 1,553 1,702 1,863	(d)1,404 1,545 1,669 1,850 1,970 2,141	320 475 959 482 536 685	1,486 2,171 2,403 1,911 2,066 2,268	392 463 812 698 763 1,120	314 570 277 234 425 478	1,750 1,941 1,494 1,470 1,321 1,231	548 535 413 435 520 479	120 162 106 238 202 221	(e) 378 (g) 393 400 454 412 414	(f) 428 (g) 460 521 565 481 515	
1957–58— Mar. Qt. June ,,	r. 1,004 494	1,644 2,180	1,879 1,992	495 758	2,011 2,02 7	677 849	402 407	1,020 1,247	536 521	282 187	404 450	502 482	
1958–59— Sept. ,, Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,	659	1,844 1,714 1,866 2,027	2,053 2,131 1,712 2,670	443 606 888 804	2,586 2,082 2,079 2,324	1,150 1,057 700 1,571	706 272 538 395	1,347 1,182 1,016 1,379	515 463 413 525	120 264 186 312	480 328 410 438	513 531 459 557	
1959–60— Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	618 667	2,330 2,329	2,538 2,211	634 1,113	2,611 2,607	988	532 559	1,572 1,376	546 521	326 906	520 583	631 702	
February . March . April . May .	. 349 . 911 . 717 . 215 . 298 . 1,075	2,452	1,448 1,849 1,838 2,611 2,675 2,724	808 1,722 795 831 788	1,801 2,218 2,217 2,078 2,131 2,762	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	159 937 518 491 142 551	853 1,142 1,053 1,615 1,205 1,316	351 425 463 526 531 519	77 178 302 152 316 469	521 332 377 384 577 354	421 478 478 762 541 368	
July .	. 334	2,740 1,967 2,452 2,881	2,836 2,699 2,080 2,079 2,314 2,240	244 1,182 2,590 292	3,077 2,177 2,579 2,686 3,244 1,891	n.a.	487 143 965 791 466 420	1,551 1,460 1,705 1,428 1,376 1,324	549 520 570 580 421 563	228 508 241 492 1,759 468	489 464 608 607 513 629	731 621 541 672 591 842	

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

(c) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected.

(d) See (d) See (D) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected.

(d) See (d) See (e) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart.

(g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population

F. Launceston only to lune quarter, 1946 thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen. Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., ---, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.) (£'000.)

			(2000.)						
	Commenced.			Completed.		Under Construction at end of period.			
Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	
40.254	22 420	72 (02	40.700	20.120	(0.010	1/2 700	122 220	20/ 127	

								333,570	
								375,045	
								386,236	
								355,470	
63,698	44,280	107,978	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453	
56,134	34,298	90,432	53,816	39,830	93,646	161,478	224,758	386,236	
59,147	39,139	98,286	53,910	55,215	109,125	168,068	212.075	380,143	
53,014	31,753	84,767						362,212	
55,656	39,157	94,813	55,089	46,986	102,075			358,356	
61,220	41,668	102,888	60,698	46,974	107,672	163,698	191,772	355,470	
67,969	49,085	117,054	64,432	42,427	106,859	168,746	201,441	370,187	
57,096	33,205	90,301						338,760	
63,683	41,432	105,115	60,786	40,864				343,566	
66,043	53,398	119,441	68,017	42,919	110,936		193,771	353,453	
69,063	61,214	130,277	69,183	52,555	121,738	160,739	203,441	364,180	
	Houses and Flats. a 49,254 53,263 53,021 52,355 57,259 63,698 56,134 59,147 53,014 55,656 61,220 67,969 57,096 63,683 66,043	Houses and Flats. a 49,254 23,428 53,263 31,710 53,021 41,171 52,355 37,386 57,259 37,929 63,698 44,280 56,134 34,298 59,147 39,139 53,014 31,753 55,656 39,157 61,220 41,668 67,969 49,085 57,096 33,205 63,683 41,432 66,043 53,398	and Flats. Other. Total. a 49,254 23,428 a 72,682 53,263 31,710 84,973 53,021 41,171 94,192 52,355 37,386 89,741 57,259 37,929 95,188 63,698 44,280 107,978 56,134 34,298 90,432 59,147 39,139 98,286 53,014 31,753 84,767 55,656 39,157 94,813 61,220 41,668 102,888 67,969 49,085 117,054 57,096 33,205 63,683 41,432 105,115 66,043 53,398 119,441	Commenced. Houses and Flats. Other. Total. Houses and Flats. 49,254 23,428 a 72,682 49,780 53,263 31,710 84,973 55,529 53,021 41,171 94,192 56,565 52,355 37,386 89,741 52,434 57,259 37,929 95,188 57,875 63,698 44,280 107,978 65,919 56,134 34,298 90,432 53,816 59,147 39,139 98,286 53,910 53,014 31,753 84,767 61,801 55,656 39,157 94,813 55,089 61,220 41,668 102,888 60,698 67,969 49,085 117,054 64,432 57,096 33,205 90,301 70,439 63,683 41,432 105,115 60,786 66,043 53,398 119,441 68,017	Commenced. Completed. Houses and Flats. Other. Total. Houses and Flats. Other. 4 49,254 23,428 a 72,682 degree and Flats. 49,780 degree and Flats. 20,130 degree and Flats. 53,263 degree and Flats. 31,710 degree and Flats. 49,780 degree and Flats. 20,130 degree and Flats. 53,263 degree and Flats. 31,710 degree and Flats. 55,529 degree and Flats. 23,063 degree and Flats. 53,021 degree and Flats. 41,171 degree and Flats. 55,529 degree and Flats. 20,130 degree and Flats. 52,355 degree and Flats. 31,710 degree and Flats. 55,529 degree and Flats. 23,063 degree and Flats. 57,259 degree and Flats. 37,386 degree and Flats. 55,656 degree and Flats. 37,957 degree and Flats. 57,259 degree and Flats. 37,929 degree and Flats. 57,875 degree and Flats. 48,410 degree and Flats. 56,134 degree and Flats. 34,298 degree and Flats. 53,816 degree and Flats. 39,830 degree and Flats. 59,147 degree and All and	Commenced. Completed. Houses and Flats. Other. Total. Houses and Flats. Other. Total. a 49,254 23,428 a 72,682 49,780 20,130 69,910 53,263 31,710 84,973 55,529 23,063 78,592 53,021 41,171 94,192 56,565 31,602 88,167 52,355 37,386 89,741 52,434 37,957 90,391 57,259 37,929 95,188 57,875 48,410 106,285 63,698 44,280 107,978 65,919 45,074 110,993 56,134 34,298 90,432 53,816 39,830 93,646 59,147 39,139 98,286 53,910 55,215 109,125 53,014 31,753 84,767 61,801 44,466 106,267 55,656 39,157 94,813 55,089 46,986 102,075 61,220 41,668 102,888 60,698 46	Completed. Under each of East. Houses and Flats. Other. Total. Houses and Flats. Other. Total. Houses and Flats. 2 49,254 23,428 a 72,682 49,780 20,130 69,910 a 163,798 53,263 31,710 84,973 55,529 23,063 78,592 162,978 53,021 41,171 94,192 56,565 31,602 88,167 156,393 52,355 37,386 89,741 52,434 37,957 90,391 161,478 57,259 37,929 95,188 57,875 48,410 106,285 163,698 63,698 44,280 107,978 65,919 45,074 110,993 159,682 59,147 39,139 98,286 53,910 55,215 109,125 168,068 53,014 31,753 84,767 61,801 44,466 106,267 160,581 55,656 39,157 94,813 55,089 46,986 102,075 162,319	Commenced. Completed. Under Construction of period and Flats. Houses and Flats. Other. Total. Houses and Flats. Other. 4 9,254 23,428 a 72,682 49,780 20,130 69,910 a 163,798 132,339 132,339 53,263 31,710 84,973 55,529 23,063 78,592 162,978 170,592 170,592 53,021 41,171 94,192 56,565 31,602 88,167 156,393 218,652 22,355 37,386 89,741 52,434 37,957 90,391 161,478 224,758 57,259 37,929 95,188 57,875 48,410 106,285 163,698 191,772 63,698 44,280 107,978 65,919 45,074 110,993 159,682 193,771 56,134 34,298 90,432 53,816 39,830 93,646 161,478 224,758 59,147 39,139 98,286 53,910 55,215 109,125 168,068 212,075 163,014 31,753 84,767 61,801 44,466 106,267 160,581 201,631 55,656 39,157 94,813 55,089 46,986 102,075 162,319 196,037 61,220 41,668 102,888 60,698 46,974 107,672 163,698 191,772 67,969 49,085 117,054 64,432 42,427 106,859 168,746 201,441 57,096 33,205 90,301 70,439 54,087 124,526 156,777 181,983 63,683 41,432 105,115 60,786 40,864 101,650 160,823 182,743 66,043 53,398 119,441 68,017 42,919 110,936 159,682 193,771	

(a) Partly estimated. (b) From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.) (£'000.)

				(T 000.)					
Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average— 1953–54	25,386 27,674 31,035 33,274 42,310 39,960	21,680 24,733 27,899 28,708 32,939 34,359	6,478 7,080 7,630 8,846 9,510 11,250	6,527 6,770 8,429 8,499 9,512 11,099	6,446 8,524 8,419 5,856 6,816 7,566	2,423 2,662 3,199 3,152 3,210 3,362	n.a. 413 484 571 528 647	970 736 1,072 1,485 1,460 2,750	69,910 78,592 88,167 90,391 106,285 110,993
Quarterly Total— 1956-57— June Qtr. ' 1957-58— Sept. ,,	35,298 44,859	29,330 33,424	9,769 9,815	8,550 9,012	5,878 6,297	3,435 3,192	499 698	887 1,828	93,646
Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,, 1958–59—	40,688 41,293 42,400	31,954 31,470 34,908	10,263 9,952 8,013	10,178 9,083 9,774	8,044 6,433 6,488	3,312 2,715 3,621	502 311 599	1,326 818 1,869	109,125 106,267 102,075 107,672
Sept. ,, Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,, 1959–60—	39,545 43,090 39,600 37,606	30,964 39,640 30,775 36,058	10,657 12,753 9,703 11,887	9,731 14,056 9,472 11,135	9,706 7,821 6,236 6,499	3,066 3,157 2,922 4,305	538 752 773 525	2,652 3,257 2,169 2,921	106,859 124,526 101,650 110,936
Sept. ,,	43,363	35,644	12,066	11,313	7,261	3,739	635	7,717	121,738

For meaning of symbols n.a., ----, see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

		(1	ncluding U	wner-built	riouses.)				
Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
			Co	MMENCED.					
Quarterly Average—	(I)=000	5 410	2.170	1 727	2,015	681		96	(<i>b</i>) 19,219
1953–54	(b)7,098	5,413	2,179	1,737	2,239	738	n.a. 62	192	19,309
1954–55	6,282	5,964	2,016 1,847	1,816 2,127	1,672	631	85	207	18,155
1955–56	6,096 6,080	5,490 5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1956–57	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958–59	7,371	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,421
Quarterly Total—		T 000	1 (10	1 770	1 240	502	38	340	17,048
1957–58—Dec. Qtr.	6,057	5,392	1,612 1,779	1,778 1,6 6 6	1,249 1,282	582 583	100	198	17,886
Mar. "	6,223 6,862	6,055 6,289	1,968	1,948	1,345	665	100	316	19,493
June ,, 1958–59—Sept. ,,	7,721	6,444	2,390	2,170	1,497	725	101	549	21,597
Dec. ,,	6,851	5,749	1,975	2,126	1,132	692	46	211	18,782
Mar. ,,	7,557	5,964	2,128	2,052	1,450	651	95	453	20,350 20,958
June "	7,357	6,112	2,394	2,528	1,392 1,523	701 620	92 83	382 418	21,918
1959–60—Sept. "	8,254	6,100	2,478	2,442	1,743	020	0,5	110	p21,956
Dec. "	1	I	C	OMPLETED.		1		,	
Quarterly Average—				4.00#	1.070	((1		120	10.205
1953–54	6,881	5,571	2,279	1,905	1,960	661	n.a.	138	19,395
1954–55	7,396	6,155	2,059	1,857	2,277 2,086	632 693	50 78	102 151	19,620
1955-56	6,786	5,981 5,270	1,899 1,848	1,952 1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1956–57	5,782 6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,640
1957–58 1958–59	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
Quarterly Total—	,,,,,,						10	222	20.04
1957-58—Dec. Qtr.	6,918	6,101	1,979	2,134	1,922	706	62	223	20,04
Mar. "	6,479	5,289	1,872 1,807	1,870 1,954	1,301 1,480	615 621	53 75	148 261	19,38
June ,,	7,224 7,494	5,962 6,386	2,089	2,204	1,342	595	79	341	20,53
1958–59—Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	7,706	7,076	2,301	2,239	1,858	614	102	490	22,38
Mar. ,	6,905	5,882	2,190	1,980	1,387	632	111	326	19,41
June "	7,925	6,419	2,277	2,360	1,471	867	64	446	21,82
1959–60—Sept. "	8,300	6,271	2,424	2,309	1,613	656	75	495	22,14 p23,19
Dec. "		Llvpr	r Constru	CTION AT F	END OF PE	RIOD		1	, p25,17
1052 54	(b) 25,348	21,730		5,865	6,406	2,195	n.a.	477	(b) 65,61
1953–54	20.875	20,964	1	5,684	6,253	2,621	211	837	60,86
1954–55 1955–56	10 102	18,978		6,373	4,596	2,375	240	1,057	54,93
1955–56 1956–57	10 248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,86
1957–58	18,640	19,400		5,510	4,114		199	1,402 1,394	
1958–59	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,594)4,1)
1957–58—Dec. Qtr	19,267	18,307	3,263	5,720	4,268	2,015	127	1,297	
Mar. ,,	19,006	19,073	3,170	5,516	4,249	1,983	174	1,347	
June "	18,640	19,400		5,510	4,114 4,269	2,027 2,157	199 221	1,402 1,610	
1958–59—Sept. "	10 024	19,458	3,632 3,306	5,476 5,363	3,543	2,235	165	1,331	52,09
Dec. ,,	10 676	18,131 18,213		5,435	3,606	2,254		1,458	
Mar. "	10 102	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,15
June " 1959–60—Sept. "	10.055	17,735	3,415	5,736	3,437	2,052	185	1,317	
Dec									p50,68
(a) Individual living	unite Only r	ew flats are	included, i.e.,	the conversion	ns of old buil	ldings into fla	ts are omitted	l. Figures f	or flats incl

⁽a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "home units". (b) Partly estimated.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

		Black Coal.					ight and wer.			Metals		
Period.	Under- ground,	Open Cut.	Total.	Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a)	Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gener- ated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel. (b)	Zinc, Refined. (c)(d)	Lead, Refined. (c)(e)	Copper, Refined. (c)
Monthly	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	*000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Average —1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	976 988 1,048	1 2 3	977 990 1,051	258 300 267	108.2 123.3 135.1	1,679 1,746 1,789	331 363 391	(f) 76.1 77.5 92.1	(f) 90.0 97.2 97.5	5,840 5,810 5,819	17,562 18,797 19,416	1,280 1,437 1,457
1952–53	1,251 1,362 1,393 1,403 1,469 1,519 1,549	294 257 220 183 174 178 150	1,545 1,619 1,613 1,586 1,643 1,697 1,699	673 728 806 865 898 906 1,028	86.5 92.6 90.0 86.0 88.5 90.3 91.4	3,439 3,508 3,622 3,719 3,878 4.024 4,055	1,004 1,142 1,264 1,399 1,531 1,649 1,761	141.0 152.2 155.7 159.2 174.8 190.1 190.7	150.1 176.4 184.1 193.4 231.2 254.4 266.2	7,181 8,267 8,376 8,664 8,885 9,594 9,559	16,030 19,669 19,613 18,399 19,983 21,359 20,022	1,595 1,742 2,533 2,039 2,711 2,987 3,741
Monthly Total— 1957-58— December January February March April May June	1,218 1,101 1,467 1,486 1,444 1,565 1,553	129 132 194 184 176 204 155	1,347 1,233 1,661 1,670 1,620 1,769 1,708	753 851 807 889 901 1,001 1,000	94.8 92.4 84.1 85.5 81.7 88.1 95.9	3,521 3,429 3,232 3,663 3,701 4,203 4,646	1,530 1,518 1,468 1,632 1,588 1,766 1,813	202.1 197.5 172.6 196.6 186.5 199.5 178.9	245.4 264.0 227.6 260.1 248.7 271.5 256.6	9,728 9,657 8,609 9,560 9,306 9,748 9,811	20,895 21,050 18,865 22,072 22,985 22,598 22,051	2,820 2,248 2,920 3,708 3,414 3,537 4,265
July August September October November December January February March April May June	1,818 1,663 1,630 1,836 1,600 1,197 1,010 1,532 1,556 1,565 1,542 1,640	199 174 173 158 164 152 123 128 117 136 129 142	2,017 1,837 1,803 1,994 1,764 1,349 1,133 1,660 1,673 1,701 1,671 1,782	1,118 1,060 1,061 1,032 998 926 900 891 1,011 1,024 1,130 1,188	107.9 85.3 99.0 92.7 86.9 100.8 79.8 85.4 93.9 82.8 82.8 99.6	5,131 4,774 4,431 4,147 3,663 3,596 3,253 3,190 3,384 3,769 4,453 4,864	1,968 1,852 1,775 1,774 1,660 1,638 1,591 1,574 1,688 1,731 1,893 1,987	190.0 194.7 189.2 182.0 188.5 200.2 198.7 180.1 187.6 192.2 206.5 231.1	270.5 267.2 263.6 265.3 262.7 269.9 267.6 244.0 274.2 265.4 287.4 291.7	9,591 9,888 9,663 9,862 9,382 9,696 9,412 8,587 9,606 9,350 9,944 9,731	19,131 19,802 19,997 18,284 21,120 21,038 21,300 20,336 18,866 20,147 19,371 20,875	3,946 4,202 4,639 4,479 3,898 2,020 2,433 3,636 3,800 3,687 4,207 3,942
1959–60 p— July August September October November December	1,739 1,631 1,727 1,692 1,657 1,119	148 160 164 150 157	1,887 1,791 1,891 1,842 1,814 1,250	1,262 1,209 1,150 1,162 1,123 1,015	90.2 86.8 93.5 95.1 96.1	5,085 4,896 4,414 r4,325 3,758 3,603	2,121 2,032 1,930 r1,941 1,840	210.4 212.3 207.9 256.9 206.9 212.9	290.7 285.0 277.0 306.5 297.0 295.3	9,990 10,083 9,808 r10,120 9,736 10,094	18,876 20,110 20,049 17,700 20,056 19,800	3,928 3,874 3,919

⁽a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (d) Includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works. (e) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols p, r see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

			Bui	lding Materi	als.			Со	oking Stove	9.	
Period.	Clay	Roofing	g Tiles.	Cement	Sawn Native	Portland	Fibrous Plaster	Solid	Gas.(b)	Electric.	Domestic Refrigera-
	Bricks.	Terra- cotta.	Cement	Building Sheets.	Timber.	Cement.	Sheets.	Fuel. (b)	Gas.(v)	(c)	tors.
Monthly	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Average — 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	53.1 57.4 60.0	2,630 3,023 3,307	326 430 374	522 678 791	53.6 62.2 59.8	60.0 71.0 72.3	567 619 634	n.a. 4,562 4,538	n.a. 3,481 3,894	n.a. 749 730	n.a. 1,257 2,458
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57 1957-58	55.6 66.8 69.9 70.0 67.1 73.2 79.9	4,831 5,315 5,328 5,392 4,806 4,911 4,942	3,338 3,721 4,477 4,483 3,716 4,122 4,348	2,022 2,174 2,340 2,208 2,120 2,169 2,239	111.6 116.7 120.8 121.2 118.3 115.9 123.4	119.9 141.7 160.0 169.6 181.0 190.9 207.6	1,285 1,349 1,482 (e)1,510 1,355 1,453 1,488	3,994 4,198 4,147 3,942 3,834 3,602 3,372	2,978 3,587 4,897 4,753 4,550 4,663 5,505	1,883 3,098 3,929 3,984 4,323 4,588 5,440	15,179 22,874 23,381 20,617 16,293 16,327 18,063
Monthly Total— 1957–58 p— December January February March April May June	61.5 56.1 69.8 74.2 73.0 82.8 75.4	4,137 3,767 4,925 4,938 4,983 5,235 4,936	3,148 3,087 4,114 4,140 3,929 4,429 3,980	1,692 1,352 2,217 2,500 2,037 2,772 2,081	110.8 98.2 109.4 120.6 107.9 123.4 122.2	169.2 166.6 177.7 199.6 195.7 208.9 205.7	1,142 1,116 1,436 1,402 1,403 1,519 1,420	3,108 2,522 3,281 2,985 3,347 3,871 3,281	4,148 3,816 4,761 4,272 4,305 4,234 3,940	4,431 3,141 4,556 4,994 4,142 4,983 4,565	21,283 17,975 15,716 13,907 11,510 13,138 13,161
July August September October November December January February March April May June	87.3 79.7 86.8 86.1 79.0 73.3 53.4 75.9 81.6 84.7 85.6 85.6	5,392 4,959 5,145 5,556 4,945 4,221 3,571 4,909 4,881 5,467 5,216 5,041	4,434 4,194 4,529 4,794 4,464 3,770 3,134 4,383 4,388 4,810 4,720 4,560	2,450 2,456 2,241 2,371 2,446 1,897 1,587 2,209 1,875 2,333 2,622 2,375	124.4 135.6 131.5 136.8 130.6 115.7 90.6 105.2 116.8 120.2 133.9 138.8	208.7 215.2 212.7 223.9 210.2 192.6 158.7 190.3 215.3 218.5 232.5 212.6	1,603 1,513 1,571 1,625 1,544 1,276 1,098 1,478 1,448 1,610 1,551	3,959 4,177 4,143 3,736 3,312 3,107 2,105 2,972 3,234 3,252 3,061 3,406	5,347 5,558 6,662 7,212 6,268 5,798 3,838 6,111 5,130 5,653 4,397 4,091	5,637 5,173 5,196 5,881 5,361 4,956 3,340 5,620 5,826 6,514 5,996 5,775	18,623 19,881 21,527 27,632 23,445 23,389 13,725 16,809 12,439 12,645 14,238
July August September October November December	89.8 86.6 94.6 91.4 85.8 79.4	5,604 4,841 5,324 4,892 4,612 4,310	4,857 5,064 5,116 5,035 5,073 4,303	2,575 2,852 2,647 2,804 2,826 2,405	137.6 135.0 140.1 r141.2 134.6	223.2 229.0 225.6 226.4 225.0 217.5	1,640 1,555 1,603 1,631 1,597 1,340	3,989 3,493 3,398 3,407 3,191 3,106	6,843 7,190 8,116 7,625 r7,435 7,033	5,947 5,487 6,490 6,436 r6,958 6,792	

⁽a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) From July, 1955 represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

		Cotton	Textiles.			Wool Textiles	1	
			Cotton	Pure		wool Textiles.	•	Boots, Shoes
Period.		Cotton Yarn.	Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).	Rayon Fabrics.	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	and Sandals (not Rubber). (a)
Monthly Average—		'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	• •	730 965 974	n.a. n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. n.a.	8.4 7.9 8.8	2.14 2.51 2.71	2.04 2.47 2.65	1,208 1,176 1,164
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57 1957-58 1958-59p	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2,302 3,175 3,458 3,379 3,498 3,720 r3,591	2,052 2,678 2,753 3,222 3,856 3,695 r3,521	1,289 1,686 1,259 1,308 1,895 1,768 1,365	10.3 11.4 11.3 12.1 13.8 12.8 12.9	2.97 3.83 3.56 3.60 3.98 3.82 3.42	2.39 2.73 2.38 2.33 2.73 2.68 2.27	1,498 1,706 1,657 1,651 1,745 1,782 r2,002
Monthly Total—								,
1957–58 p— December January February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2,822 3,012 3,739 3,806 3,903 3,798 3,448	2,617 3,064 3,744 3,728 3,874 3,906 3,620	1,260 1,188 1,692 1,680 1,527 1,550 1,818	12.2 10.6 12.7 13.4 10.5 12.5 12.6	3.13 3.08 3.98 3.92 3.68 3.71 3.30	2.17 2.19 2.97 2.91 2.69 2.33 1.94	1,535 1,163 1,647 1,701 1,675 1,828 1,716
July August September October November December January February March April May June		3,996 3,587 3,536 3,930 3,520 2,990 2,638 3,589 3,590 4,234 3,686 3,801	3,870 3,564 3,675 3,910 3,606 3,050 2,796 3,321 3,420 3,968 3,433 3,641	1,562 1,434 1,532 1,484 1,277 1,096 896 1,303 1,342 1,508 1,357 1,588	12.5 10.5 11.2 12.4 13.5 12.1 10.0 13.4 13.9 14.5 15.3 16.1	3.31 3.01 3.40 3.51 3.41 2.88 2.39 3.57 3.66 4.02 3.90 4.02	2.07 1.97 2.16 2.52 2.45 2.12 1.62 2.47 2.56 2.58 2.39 2.33	2,152 2,267 2,432 2,486 2,136 1,807 1,166 1,811 1,820 1,988 1,902 r2,056
July August September October November December	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4,143 3,676 4,104 3,619 3,757 3,160	3,726 3,571 3,635 3,362 3,476 2,889	1,416 1,315 1,555 1,374 1,482 1,211	16.2 13.4 14.7 14.3 15.2 13.5	4.19 3.79 4.50 4.43 4.32 3.73	2.34 2.25 2.65 2.77 2.85 2.37	2,266 2,339 2,558 2,489 2.487 1,955

⁽a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, ----, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

			Hos	iery.		Under	wear.(a)	G1.
Period.		Men's. (b)	Women's, Fully Fash., and Circular. (c)	Children's.	Anklets (All Types) and Infants' and Babies' Wear.	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
		'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	• •	83.1 86.7 91.9	157.1 183.7 178.0	(<i>d</i>)49.1 (<i>d</i>)52.0 (<i>d</i>)51.0	(e) (e) (e)	22	1.8 7.6 9.2	(f)60.6 (f)69.9 (f)56.2
1952–53	• •	131.2 157.9 138.7 130.0 120.9 122.7 109.0	156.4 179.1 201.8 192.0 237.0 209.8 223.7	(g) { 67.1 60.3 61.9	73.6 101.2 93.9 88.6 (h) 9.2 (h) 8.4 (h) 7.9	93.6 120.8 119.6 130.3 139.8 151.5 154.7	173.7 224.4 235.4 234.4 244.3 238.0 247.0	73.4 103.3 117.5 109.1 118.8 127.5 134.2
Monthly Total—								
1957–58 p— December January February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	107.6 79.5 125.1 120.3 113.8 131.6 116.1	180.5 142.2 204.6 203.9 191.8 229.4 219.4	45.2 41.5 66.2 63.4 61.0 67.0 63.9	10.3 6.1 7.4 7.8 7.8 8.5 7.1	132.4 102.8 153.3 153.6 153.5 150.0 142.0	226.2 173.3 253.7 243.7 239.0 238.1 218.0	115.7 61.7 102.8 97.0 100.7 123.5 128.2
July August September October November December January February March April May June		117.5 110.0 123.1 124.2 114.8 89.0 64.1 103.6 103.9 119.5 115.8 122.6	248.1 237.6 245.3 268.2 228.7 185.0 137.9 210.1 211.6 232.5 241.7 237.3	71.2 70.6 73.2 70.0 59.8 57.7 37.3 59.5 57.1 59.4 61.1 66.4	8.4 8.8 7.6 7.3 6.1 6.4 5.2 10.2 8.3 8.9 8.5 9.5	179.2 156.9 171.4 181.9 162.1 146.7 92.1 152.3 154.7 161.9 146.5	269.8 245.0 261.1 293.2 285.2 241.8 154.3 262.5 245.2 235.3 234.4 236.6	167.3 156.1 176.4 174.2 153.1 120.4 59.7 109.9 110.6 119.8 129.2
July August September October November December		146.1 130.1 159.5 162.6 151.8 113.2	249.4 245.9 253.1 253.4 r241.2 193.1	64.7 63.3 76.2 73.1 65.9 56.5	11.8 11.6 13.2 11.9 16.5 10.3	179.6 147.4 178.8 153.9 166.0 137.0	273.1 249.3 286.7 279.8 320.2 266.5	184.8 168.6 191.7 192.8 r180.3 146.5

⁽a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956. (c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbols p, r ----, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

					Products (F Production)			Meat	(Bone-in W	eight).(a)		
Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes	Butter.	Cheese,	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.	Total. Meat.	Beer.
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(b)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	102.4 104.2 114.4	27.0 28.9 28.2	89.9 96.4 99.2	13,908 15,242 16,232	1,636 2,018 2,415	n.a. n.a. 2,781	45.9 49.7 46.6	16.0 17.2 17.1	10.0 9.9 9.6	7.7 7.2 7.2	79.6 84.0 80.5	6,261 7,084 7,523
1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 _p 1958–59p	143.9 134.1 129.4 130.9 136.0 115.1 113.3	36.7 37.4 40.1 41.0 40.0 42.9 43.4	101.3 99.1 110.5 116.8 113.2 105.4 114.1	13,632 13,010 15,667 17,149 15,820 14,410 15,901	3,883 4,087 3,765 3,223 3,764 2,991 3,591	6,971 6,333 5,364 5,944 6,510 6,655 6,300	56.2 58.7 60.0 62.6 67.9 64.7 75.8	20.8 19.8 20.0 19.5 18.6 21.8 25.7	12.2 10.6 12.3 12.1 11.9 12.5 15.2	6.9 7.0 8.3 7.8 7.4 8.5 8.6	96.1 96.1 100.6 102.0 105.8 109.5 125.2	16,446 17,380 18,473 18,958 18,394 18,871 19,037
Monthly Total— 1957–58— Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May June	9130.2 130.6 113.2 105.4 94.2 93.9 84.9 101.0 96.5	p 45.5 45.4 41.2 39.1 43.4 49.1 40.0 44.9 40.0	146.0 153.3 139.6 120.5 105.2 104.3 81.9 69.3 64.4	21,219 22,988 20,728 17,407 14,940 14,624 10,519 7,859 6,876	5,316 4,931 3,992 3,033 2,290 2,074 1,610 1,555 1,694	10,528 10,709 9,687 7,991 6,371 5,742 4,260 3,512 3,380	65.7 53.3 50.8 55.0 51.4 59.1 63.9 81.6 86.1	25.1 25.3 26.2 26.7 26.5 23.1 21.4 21.6 18.5	19.2 20.3 17.2 12.2 10.6 10.5 10.3 10.6	9.4 8.5 9.1 8.1 7.9 9.3 9.4 9.3 7.9	119.4 107.4 103.3 102.0 96.4 102.0 105.0 123.1 123.2	22,230 23,145 25,095 21,172 18,574 20,065 18,008 17,701 15,495
1958–59p July August Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May June	108.8 115.1 112.0 112.1 116.9 104.7 112.4 107.6 107.4 112.2 120.1 130.0	41.6 44.7 45.8 45.1 47.3 40.5 42.6 43.0 42.5 41.2 49.0 37.7	71.8 91.6 124.5 156.5 154.4 160.4 148.2 117.4 111.3 91.3 75.2 67.1	7,934 11,409 17,529 23,277 22,846 24,507 22,502 17,040 15,614 11,965 8,835 7,351	2,223 3,244 4,474 5,687 5,520 5,011 4,504 3,261 2,915 2,342 2,000 1,915	3,672 5,304 7,692 9,821 9,979 9,965 8,042 5,812 5,521 4,085 3,153 2,551	87.7 75.7 75.8 79.8 74.2 71.0 60.7 67.2 70.3 77.6 83.7 85.4	22.0 20.5 22.1 27.5 26.5 29.6 28.4 30.0 27.6 24.9 24.8 25.0	13.0 11.8 14.0 23.1 25.9 21.4 13.3 11.9 11.7 11.9 11.8 12.2	8.7 8.2 8.7 9.6 8.9 7.7 8.5 9.0 9.2 8.2 7.3	131.4 116.2 120.6 140.0 135.5 130.9 110.1 117.6 118.6 123.6 128.5 129.9	16,446 16,699 18,992 21,700 22,187 25,037 19,762 18,571 19,171 18,830 15,832 15,216
1959–60p July Aug Sept Oct Nov	132.4 129.9 125.6 133.8 136.6	42.0 45.5 40.9 55.8 47.7	164.9	24,689	2,300 3,373 4,752 6,003 5,916	3,432 5,684 8,546 10,797 11,716	92.9 72.0 67.9 62.8 51.6	25.9 22.8 27.8 34.5 34.6	13.9 12.8 17.8 22.4 21.9	8.0 7.6 8.3 9.3 8.3	140.7 115.2 121.8 129.0 116.4	17,055 17,187 20,753 21,498 22,044

⁽a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, s-e page!.

⁽b) Whole milk equivalent.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

		Ch	emicals and	Allied Produ	cts.	M	lotor Bodies.	(a)	Pneumatic
	Tobacco.			Pai	nts.		1		Tyres— Motor
Period.	Cigars and Cigarettes.	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.	Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.
	'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
1937–38	 1,805 1,904 1,939	36.4 41.3 40.8	90.9 102.8 100.0	n.a. 209 224	n.a. 60 48	3,660 4,032 3,426	478 804 816	610 518 715	n.a. n.a. n.a.
1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57	3,029 3,487 3,706 3,842 4,129 4,255 (b)4,306	52.3 61.0 69.6 74.7 73.2 82.6 81.8	131.7 147.6 163.4 177.2 164.6 185.0 177.0	534 657 812 890 906 924 950	84 109 123 125 121 130 133	5 6 6 6 8	.133 ,514 ,002 ,912 ,230 ,129 ,839	1,745 2,088 2,245 2,030 1,804 2,370 2,344	141 241 293 303 287 317 326
January February March April May	 (b) 4,567 4,283 4,162 4,248 4,126 4,328 3,982	77.1 78.5 82.3 87.3 90.2 96.5 83.0	163.0 182.7 194.0 195.3 221.9 201.6 192.3	912 783 960 953 844 933 817	109 114 127 148 132 154 116	6 8 8 8	,107 ,344 ,604 ,809 ,036 ,973 ,543	1,935 1,891 2,676 2,632 2,318 2,759 2,562	234 232 306 330 306 358 314
August September October November December	4,219 4,175 4,397 4,441 4,332 5,039 3,961 4,212 3,903 4,632 4,206 4,151	79.6 94.7 81.1 75.6 80.5 66.6 79.3 77.9 92.6 89.4 89.3 75.0	221.5 176.9	888 942 1,085 1,119 1,080 1,023 705 979 907 954 925 795	135 137 131 152 138 122 94 138 132 148 136 134	11 9 10 10 9 8 7 10 9	(c) ,212 ,951 ,484 ,719 ,723 ,613 ,095 ,231 ,170 ,682 ,036	2,769 2,371 2,268 2,413 2,134 1,856 1,403 2,165 2,304 2,930 3,042 2,467	379 342 355 367 318 294 203 322 285 361 351 339
1959–60 p— July August September October November December	 4,478 4,296 4,347 4,700 4,628 5,216	73.2 82.9 81.7 85.0 73.1 83.7	175.3 188.2 183.1 140.7	1,008 947 1,052 1,062 1,087 1,006	144 155 167 163	11 13 13 13	2,030 ,597 5,585 5,248 3,483 ,247	2,549 2,414 2,705 2,723 2,521 2,051	386 352 369 378 350 284

⁽a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels. (b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid. (c) From July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, ----, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1953 = 100.)

Period.		Belgium.	Canada.	Denmark.	France.	Germany West. (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Sweden.	United King- dom. (a) (b)	U.S.A. (a) (c)
1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	101 100 106 116 123 123 115	94 100 100 110 120 120 118	97 100 109 112 115 121 121	99 100 110 120 133 144 150	91 100 112 128 138 147 151	91 100 109 120 128 r137 r142	r83 100 108 r116 144 167 r168	91 100 110 118 123 126 126	94 100 108 116 122 128 124	98 100 104 111 114 118 r117	95 100 108 113 114 115	92 100 93 105 109 110 102
June July August September October November December	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	121 91 117 126 126 125 121	126 120 121 123 121 121 111	125 83 123 127 124 123 116	150 134 100 148 150 158 162	148 140 138 151 154 162 151	134 145 114 141 144 138 137	172 174 165 166 165 164 167	125 128 122 124 133 128 116	132 89 126 137 135 136 121	125 63 116 125 125 125 125	117 107 99 119 120 123 113	112 111 112 110 108 106 103
January February March April May June July August September October November December		119 121 119 117 115 113 100 107 118 119 116	111 116 116 115 120 123 116 117 121 121 124 116	121 125 126 124 122 125 82 122 130 131 131	158 162 160 164 166 161 148 100 148 154 161	144 145 146 153 151 153 145 142 155 161 168	142 131 143 138 146 141 152 116 152 157 146 147	154 167 179 163 163 162 165 163 168 173 172 183	122 113 124 124 128 130 126 121 131 142 128 126	122 136 135 115 117 135 84 122 133 135 138	122 124 125 127 125 125 r59 r113 r121 124 r128	114 119 122 111 114 115 105 97 115 118 122	101 98 97 96 98 101 102 105 105 106 109 108
January February March April May June July August September October November December		r112 r119 120 120 r122 105 110 123 126	118 124 124 126 128 133 r125 125 133 136	124 129 127 130 132 136 91 135 143	154 159 156 163 169 167 150 107 158 166 179	143 149 156 160 163 163 153 r153 r169 174 186	146 145 154 158 154 r155 162 129 168 177	171 190 204 195 201 208 209 209 217	125 121 r132 139 136 145 r140 128 r147 152 142	123 138 120 136 122 141 91 127 142 143 143	r120 r124 r128 r126 r123 r124 r64 r116 128 132	115 118 117 122 119 124 110 104 126 131 133	110 113 115 118 119 121 112 112 115 115

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

⁽a) Adjusted for number of working days. (b) Includes construction. (c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

	Motor Vehic	les on Register at e	end of period.	New Motor V	ehicles Registered	during period.
Period.	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc(a)	Motor Cycles.
	 '000.	'000.	'000.	Me	onthly Averag	res.
1949–50(<i>b</i>) 1950–51(<i>b</i>) 1951–52(<i>b</i>) 1952–53(<i>b</i>) 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	 768 882 1,031 1,108 1,200 1,347 1,472 1,565 1,676 1,783	499 548 581 579 607 650 679 707 735 766	134 145 154 148 141 133 126 120 116	9,584 10,671 10,480 7,773 10,466 13,900 13,644 12,481 13,770 14,182	(c)4,829 6,461 6,085 4,337 4,783 5,598 5,766 4,916 5,595 6,199	2,232 2,263 1,846 941 905 941 878 805 884 833
				7.	Ionthly Total	e
November December January February March April May June	 1,605 1,625 1,628 1,637 1,646 1,664 1,671 1,676	717 723 722 725 728 733 734 735	118 118 118 118 118 118 117	(d) 14,645 14,813 11,145 13,926 13,678 15,410 15,237 12,820	(d) 5,725 5,379 4,630 5,529 6,140 6,214 6,003 5,357	(d) 892 952 1,283 989 1,035 861 781 655
July August September October November December January February March April May June	 1,688 1,694 1,703 1,720 1,728 1,739 1,744 1,751 1,755 1,772 1,770 1,783	736 738 740 744 748 752 754 755 757 762 761 766	116 115 115 115 115 114 114 113 113	13,906 13,561 14,741 16,084 14,817 15,930 12,431 13,525 13,228 15,139 13,133 13,686	6,106 5,505 5,929 6,453 6,154 6,576 5,082 5,879 6,126 7,031 6,760 6,789	652 770 911 888 856 1,007 904 841 844 896 766 657
July August September October November	 1,792 1,804 1,814 1,826 1,840	768 771 775 779 784	110 109 108 108 107	15,721 15,634 17,261 19,132 18,743	7,470 6,889 7,252 7,587 7,472	725 706 827 815 782

⁽a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations.

(b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

Note.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

		Revenue	Goods and I	Livestock.(a)	Passenger	Rever	nue.
Perio	od.	Train-Miles.	Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles.(b)	Journeys.	Gross.	Net.
Monthly Averag	ye	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59		7,390 7,780 7,394 7,789 7,911 8,020 7,924 7,552	3,362 3,392 3,672 3,644 3,880 3,951 3,875 3,956 3,745 3,977	516.9 523.1 562.9 547.8 579.4 608.0 606.1 614.1 565.5 607.5	42,054 39,674 41,707 41,468 42,557 43,071 42,895 41,626 41,191 40,414	7,683 8,804 11,626 12,903 14,155 14,498 14,765 15,737 14,928 15,430	205 594 721 560 140 124 659 376 493 146
Monthly Total-	-(c)						
1957-58— October November December January February March April May June		7,613 7,285 7,262 6,852 7,589 7,292	4,244 3,890 3,231 3,186 3,456 3,762 3,541 3,863 3,627	620.0 585.9 498.8 494.3 525.9 591.2 543.4 594.0 538.8	40,400 39,718 40,081 38,577 40,325 43,621 39,705 42,898 41,802	16,484 15,176 13,887 13.676 13,364 15,026 14,163 15,227 14,856	580 -1,007 -1,118 -808 -881 113 -342 -1,009
July August September October November December January February March April May June		. 7,689 . 7,642 . 7,976 . 7,514 . 7,675 . 7,459 . 7,005 . 7,639 . 7,734 . 7,826	4,187 3,901 4,045 4,261 3,842 3,690 3,559 3,883 3,965 4,370 4,033 3,989	603.2 579.0 593.3 620.2 586.9 565.5 562.4 612.3 623.7 691.2 638.3 614.5	41,206 40,225 43,480 39,444 39,206 39,375 37,923 39,768 42,565 38,772 41,631 41,370	15,271 15,233 15,914 16,422 15,087 15,436 14,609 14,699 15,411 16,354 15,520 15,204	252 81 813 833 -731 81 269 494 821 1,426 -900
1959–60— July August September		. 8,037 . 7,842	4,452 4,312 4,529	660.7 633.8 677.6	40,381 42,682 40,610	16,317 16,259 16,989	976 868 1,638

⁽a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway.

(b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.

(c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain defails not available on a monthly basis.

Note.—Minus sign (–) denotes loss.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 Tons Weight.
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a)

	Overs	ea Cargo.			Interstate	Cargo Shipp	ed from—		
Period.	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia	Tasmania.	Australia
1949–50		757 810 644 711 916 1,036 1,050 1,143	257 233 232 280 285 307 302 293 309 324 334	41 37 37 37 34 39 74 99 97 114 93	32 30 36 45 53 36 43 47 60 56	152 198 222 238 247 287 318 350 378 364 358	5 5 5 11 52 54 73 137 116 148	32 32 28 29 33 35 41 43 32 45 50	519 535 560 640 704 758 851 969 992 1,051 1,030
December . January . February . March . April May	. 657 . 613 . 606 . 488 . 515 . 458 . 646	1,008 1,247 1,139 1,280 1,178 1,336	327 329 309 280 285 293 347 330	124 88 109 111 134 107 97 139	59 52 42 48 51 40 50 24	376 364 358 334 380 353 390 381	112 185 186 139 189 141 191	37 49 49 34 43 58 58 54	1,035 1,067 1,053 946 1,082 992 1,133 1,084
August September October November December January February March April May	. 659 . 680 . 652 . 653 . 632 . 760 . 814 . 797 . 774 . 793 . 724	1,108 1,046 1,301 1,123 1,347 1,256 967 1,085 1,325 1,182	391 335 325 356 329 269 299 316 341 334 346 364	109 91 134 63 76 103 78 89 101 95 101 71	66 73 63 70 74 39 22 49 35 50 46 24	376 381 294 359 386 353 335 367 315 362 388 378	128 121 127 114 148 146 173 148 145 146 158 170	86 58 51 52 38 49 47 50 47 31	1,156 1,059 992 1,014 1,051 959 956 1,016 987 1,034 1,070 1,048
August September October	. 766 . 758 . 896 . r842	3 1,225 5 1,217 2 1,347	433 328 357 385 347	132 105 122 120 99	52 59 49 r75 61	332 358 365 r359 391	110 165 161 160 190	45 47 42 56 39	1,104 1,062 1,096 r1,155 1,131

⁽a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

⁽b) Includes the Northern Territory.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 Tons of 40 Cubic Feet Measurement. (Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

		Oversea	a Cargo.			Interstate	Cargo Shipp	ed from—		
Period.		Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
Monthly Average 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1957–58 1958–59	e	114 116 108 103 121 113 118 129 115 124 122	214 298 333 391 161 234 284 285 229 243 222	29 25 27 32 31 36 34 24 20 21	20 21 20 25 22 35 35 31 32 30 32	10 11 10 9 8 10 10 9 7	15 17 20 17 17 19 16 12 8 9	6 7 6 6 9 8 8 8 7 7 5	18 20 27 21 19 20 20 27 33 24 23	98 101 110 110 106 128 123 111 107 96 88
Monthly Total— 1957-58— November December January February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	134 111 80 71 121 182 210 131	234 237 261 215 254 222 269 254	15 56 17 16 17 14 15	41 29 26 25 34 28 31 27	7 5 4 4 8 6 6 3	15 4 19 7 6 5 7	9 3 6 12 10 5 6 5	26 13 10 29 16 19 21 29	113 110 82 93 91 77 86 88
July August September October November December January February March April May June		140 102 123 111 111 103 78 85 135 203 164 114	196 282 221 230 218 224 249 170 226 207 233 210	22 19 17 19 33 14 15 15 17 15	30 29 18 45 41 28 28 31 36 30 36 32	5 4 5 5 4 4 4 4 4 5	5 8 5 6 6 5 6 4 5 8 6	3 4 9 4 3 3 5 4 5 4 6	15 18 23 22 20 19 17 17 25 30 39 28	80 82 77 101 107 73 73 77 91 89 108 90
1959–60— July August September October November p		121 107 101 r142 101	229 271 219 261 271	19 14 14 21 20	46 36 33 52 51	4 3 5 4 5	8 9 7 r10 7	6 9 5 5 5	32 25 23 35 34	116 97 87 r128 121

⁽a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45. (b) In

⁽b) Includes the Northern Territory.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

		Receipts of P.M.G.'s		Listeners'		n Viewers'		ne Services End of Period.
	Period,	Department.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments
		£'000. Monthly Average.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000.	'000.
1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57		 2,776 3,196 3,732 4,948 5,367 5,650 6,069 6,612 7,519 8,065	14 14 14 22 17 15 13 13 14 15	2,138	(c) 11	 (c) 74 291	734 793 864 927 985 1,050 1,127 1,207 1,279 1,362	1,028 1,110 1,209 1,301 1,384 1,476 1,587 1,704 1,814
1958–59	• •	 8,622	21	2,264	25	578	1,443	2,056
1957–58— December January February March April May June		 Monthly Total. 8,623 8,469 7,565 8,154 7,906 8,482 9,046	Monthly Total. 10 11 13 12 12 15 15	2,142 2,141 2,145 2,135 2,135 2,138 2,138	Monthly Total. 16 15 22 20 19 24 31	167 178 200 220 239 262 291	1,319 1,325 1,331 1,337 1,343 1,351 1,362	1,874 1,883 1,892 1,901 1,910 1,922 1,937
July August September October November December January February March April May June		 8,449 7,661 8,512 9,299 7,784 9,714 7,872 7,823 8,450 9,700 8,432 9,768	22 16 28 31 22 16 13 19 27 25 17	2,147 2,146 2,172 2,201 2,195 2,210 2,210 2,211 2,235 2,266 2,257 2,264	36 31 32 26 21 18 17 19 23 25 26 24	328 358 390 415 433 455 468 484 506 530 555 578	1,369 1,376 1,383 1,391 1,398 1,404 1,410 1,416 1,422 1,428 1,436 1,443	1,948 1,958 1,968 1,979 1,989 1,999 2,006 2,017 2,026 2,036 2,047 2,056
1959–60— July August September October November December		 9,517 8,100 9,110 9,796 9,366	16 13 13 12 10 8	2,266 2,265 2,258 2,248 2,242 2,247	28 30 32 29 29 25	599 627 654 682 711 738	1,453 1,461 1,468 1,475 1,481 1,487	2,071 2,084 2,095 2,105 2,112 2,122

⁽a) Actual collections, on 31st December, 1951.

⁽b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished (c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Including Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

(£A million.)

	N	otes on Issue.		Special	Other	Other		Government
Period.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.	Accounts of Trading Banks.	Deposits of Trading Banks.	Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances heid Abroad.	and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
Average of Weekly Figures— 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	36.9 38.5 40.9 43.0 44.9 45.6 47.2	281.3 299.7 316.1 331.1 338.3 343.9 348.8	318.2 338.2 357.0 374.1 383.2 389.5 396.0	212.9 (a) 306.8 306.3 272.8 289.4 328.3 259.9	45.4 41.7 36.8 35.6 31.4 25.6 24.2	287.4 283.4 243.5 208.7 205.9 218.4 232.9	363.6 512.6 415.9 298.9 349.7 461.7 411.5	434.8 408.0 459.8 515.7 508.8 478.6 469.1
1957–58 — Dccember(b) January February March April May June	52.9 50.4 45.0 45.2 47.1 45.6 45.3	351.6 346.9 340.8 342.5 347.5 342.2 342.6	404.5 397.3 385.8 387.7 394.6 387.8 387.9	340.3 340.3 340.3 325.3 313.2 294.0 282.7	24.3 28.5 24.0 23.6 14.7 23.1 24.3	213.8 216.7 223.2 226.0 229.1 228.6 231.0	470.9 470.6 464.4 459.3 437.7 448.4 436.5	508.9 496.4 479.0 468.0 477.6 458.8 464.6
July	47.2 45.8 49.1 46.5	343.5 346.5 348.0 348.8 349.3 367.0 349.3 345.2 349.6 349.3 348.3 348.7	388.1 390.7 392.5 394.1 395.7 421.8 (01.4 392.4 395.4 398.4 394.8 395.5	250.2	29.8 25.6 27.3 29.0 22.3 22.3 28.5 25.8 21.6 22.1 16.2 17.8		426.0 410.6 401.9 392.2 396.6 405.1 407.3 407.3 402.8 417.6 438.8 431.6	410.7 415.5 404.9
July	46.5 46.4 47.7 48.3	354.1 356.6 358.8 361.0	396.7 400.6 403.0 406.5 409.3 433.5	250.2 250.2 250.2 265.2	22.8 28.7 21.9 22.1	239.8 242.8 243.6 248.3	417.2 420.4 429.4 437.3	461.9 480.3 478.4 499.1

⁽a) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol ——, see page 1

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a), and COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS.)

(£ million.)

			Comn	nonwealth '	Trading Ba	ink.(a)			Commonwealth Bank-			ances.
Period.		Deposits.		Coin, Bullion, Notes and	and Gover Secu	onwealth State Inment rities.	Special Account with	Ad-	Rural Credits	Mortgage Bank	Industria Depart	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other.	Commonwealth Bank. (b)	vances.	Depart- ment.	Depart- ment.	Hire Purchase.	Other.
Average of Weekly												
Figures— 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1957–58 1958–59	22.8 35.3 43.6 46.3 44.4 54.9 67.7	96.7 120.9 130.9 135.6 140.1 150.2 159.1	119.5 156.2 174.5 181.9 184.5 205.1 226.8	8.8 11.0 10.5 10 2 10.0 10.8 11.3	b 17.2 23.4 12.3 6.3 4.1 5.5 4.1	c 25.8 29.9 38.2 38.6 35.7 46.5 56.7	21.7 34.8 36.1 33.2 34.6 40.2 36.5	c 59 5 69.2 89.1 103.9 106.5 107.8 122.5	44 9 43.2 62.3 73.8 56.6 33.7 46.7	4.3 4.5 4.8 5.1 5.1 5.5 6.0	14.8 16.6 17.0 16.6 16.5 16.0 17.4	8.1 4.7 6.7 9.0 9.4 9.1
December(d) January February March April May June	55.2 55.1 55.6 57.6 58.6 59.1 63.3	159.8 148.8 148.6 151.3 152.4 151.7 152.0	215.0 203.9 204.2 208.9 211.0 210.8 215.3	9.9 11.0 10.9 11.8 10.4 9.9 10.4	3.5 2.5 2.8 8.2 6.8 6.3 8.5	54.0 46.4 44.8 45.3 46.8 46.7 46.7	43.6 43.6 43.6 40.5 39.7 38.4 37.9	104.6 107.1 107.5 108.1 110.6 113.4 113.9	18.3 29.9 45.5 48.0 46.3 38.2 37.9	5.5 5.5 5.6 5.6 5.6 5.7	16.2 16.2 16.0 16.0 16.0 16.1	9.8 9.4 9.2 9.1 8.9 9.0 9.1
July August September October November December(d) January February March April May June	65.6 65.9 67.5 68.1 67.9 66.4 66.8 67.5 68.1 67.9 67.9 73.2	150.9 151.7 154.1 159.1 164.1 166.3 154.4 158.0 162.0 163.6 165.4 160.2	216.5 217.6 221.6 227.2 232.0 232.7 221.2 225.5 230.1 231.5 233.3 233.4	10.6 11 4 12.1 11 0 11.8 11.9 12.2 12.5 10.8 11.5 9.1 10.8	7.9 4.7 6.7 5.9 7.1 3.8 2.5 2.6 2.5 1.2 2.3 1.8	47.2 50.2 54.7 58.6 60.3 60.6 50.2 54.6 61.5 61.3 60.9	37.4 37.1 37.1 37.1 38.1 38.2 38.4 36.3 34.1 34.3 34.7 35.2	119.2 121.2 119.0 121.2 122.3 124.0 125.6 123.9 121.3 112.9 125.3 125.1	30.2 22.3 14.9 12.6 11.9 12.1 29.1 72.9 98.3 96.7 85.2 74.6	5.8 5.8 5.9 5.9 5.9 6.0 6.0 6.1 6.1 5.9	16.4 16.5 16.7 17.1 17.7 18.4 18.2 17.9 17.5 17.5 17.5	9.1 9.2 9.1 9.0 9.1 9.0 8.9 9.0 9.6 9.7
1959–60— July August September October November December(d)	73.2 72.8 73.6 74.2 74.5 67.4	161.7 165.4 169.2 170.8 179.0 189.1	234.9 238.2 242.8 245.0 253.5 256.5	11.5 10.4 13.1 12.8 15.9 11.3	2.6 4.3 4.0 4.1 (e) 4.9 (e) 3.2	60.1 60.5 64.3 66.3 66.4 60.3	36.1 36.1 36.6 36.9 39.1 41.7	130.7 130.5 129.1 130.7 131.6 135.8	67.3 58.1 48.3 40.5 34.1 27.6	6.1 6.2 6.3 6.3 6.4 6.4	17.4 17.4 17.4 17.6 18.1 18.4	9.6 9.8 9.8 10.0 10.1

⁽a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills. (c) Between March and July 1952, certain loans to building societies and crédit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division over this period was approximately £24 000.000. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday. (e) Includes Seasonal Securities.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

				(% 11111	11011.)				
			Deposits.		Coin, Bullion, Notes and	State Go	wealth and overnment urities.	Special Account with Com-	Advances.
Period.		Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other.	monwealth Bank.	Advances.
Average of Weel Figures—	kly								
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39		184.7 194.8 198.8	112.9 120.0 118.9	297.6 314.8 317.7	34.2 37.1 33.6	24.5 20.7 21.5	(b) 15.0 (b) 21.4 (b) 20.5	• •	262.5 274.4 288.1
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55(c) 1955-56 1956-57 1957-58	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	218.7 239.8 263.0 263.1 299.5 345.4 368.4	943.7 1,035.7 1,047.7 1,032.3 1,028.5 1,045.9 1,007.4	1,162.4 1,275.5 1,310.7 1,295.4 1,328.0 1,391.3 1,375.8	74.7 71.2 66.9 66.9 63.7 59.8 58.2	123.1 99.4 51.6 50.0 51.2 39.0 37.9	84.0 127.6 120.2 113.1 151.3 176.2 193.3	211.7 285.2 269.1 238.8 254.1 287.4 222.8	638.1 658.5 776.8 804.4 762.6 774.3 807.2
1957–58— December(d) January February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	346.0 352.4 352.4 356.4 353.3 350.2 352.8	1,085.7 1,093.3 1,091.2 1,093.2 1,061.1 1,004.0 990.2	1,431.7 1,445.7 1,443.6 1,449.6 1,414.4 1,354.2 1,343.0	66.4 69.2 58.9 56.9 53.2 58.0 58.4	46.2 69.5 77.1 86.1 33.5 15.1 13.0	180.5 196.1 201.9 204.4 196.3 166.6 151.7	296.0 296.0 296.0 284.0 272.9 254.9 244.2	766.3 753.4 749.6 754.6 792.2 819.5 831.7
July August September October November December (d) January February March April June		363.5 366.2 361.7 365.9 367.9 372.0 371.7 371.6 374.6 369.5 370.7	967.7 955.3 962.3 986.8 1,004.9 1,025.5 1,030.0 1,048.2 1,060.0 1,041.7 1,009.6 1,008.3	1,331.2 1,321.5 1,324.0 1,352.7 1,372.2 1,393.4 1,402.0 1,419.9 1,431.6 1,416.3 1,379.1 1,379.0	63.2 55.4 57.8 60.5 57.6 64.8 66.3 58.4 54.8 57.0 49.3 52.5	13.1 23.4 27.0 30.7 38.9 40.9 57.9 73.3 80.7 46.6 17.5	144.1 143.4 146.1 155.2 173.4 191.3 212.9 238.0 242.8 239.0 229.0 218.1	233.2 227.5 227.5 227.5 226.5 226.3 226.2 217.0 215.5 215.3 214.9 214.4	844.9 838.8 829.8 830.9 824.6 808.2 794.8 775.3 764.3 782.2 790.1
July August September October November December(d)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	378.7 385.3 388.0 391.8 391.6 386.5	997.2 990.1 1,016.2 1,039.9 1,065.6 1,097.7	1,375.9 1,375.4 1,404.2 1,431.7 1,457.2 1,484.2	54.2 53.8 58.0 54.8 55.2 67.7	18.1 24.6 27.0 30.0 (e) 25.0 (e) 19.5	211.6 215.2 228.5 244.5 249.8 249.4	213.4 213.4 213.0 212.6 225.5 242.9	805.4 803.1 800.6 814.6 817.2 806.3

⁽a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australian Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955. The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December. 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(b) Includes Municipal Securities.

(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

	Dorace	(Per Cer	Categories of As	eets to Total Der	nosits	
Period.	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills, etc. + Other Common- wealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.	Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
Average of Figures— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	 11.5 11.8 10.6	19.7 18.4 17.4	(b) 24.8 (b) 25.2 (b) 23.8		88.2 87.1 90.7	37.9 38.1 37.4
1952–53 . 1953–54 . 1954–55(<i>c</i>) . 1955–56 . 1956–57 . 1957–58 . 1958–59 .	 6.4 5.6 5.1 5.2 4.8 4.3 4.2	17.0 13.4 9.0 9.0 8.6 7.1 7.0	24.3 23.4 18.2 17.7 20.0 19.8 21.1	18.2 22.4 20.5 18.4 19.1 20.7 16.2	54.9 51.6 59.3 62.1 57.4 55.7 58.6	81.2 81.2 79.9 79.7 77.5 75.2 73.2
1957–58— December(d). January. February. March. April. May. June.	 4.6 4.8 4.1 3.9 3.7 4.3 4.3	7.9 9.6 9.4 9.8 6.1 5.4 5.3	20.5 23.2 23.4 24.0 20.0 17.7 16.6	20.7 20.5 20.5 19.6 19.3 18.8 18.2	53.5 52.1 51.9 52.1 56.0 60.5 61.9	75.8 75.6 75.6 75.4 75.0 74.1 73.7
July	 4.8 4.2 4.4 4.5 4.2 4.6 4.7 4.1 3.8 4.0 3.6 3.8	5.8 6.0 6.4 6.8 7.0 7.6 8.8 9.2 9.4 7.3 4.8 4.9	16.6 16.8 17.4 18.2 19.7 21.3 24.0 26.0 26.4 24.2 21.4 20.7	17.5 17.2 17.2 16.8 16.5 16.2 16.1 15.3 15.1 15.2 15.6 15.5	63.5 63.5 62.7 61.4 60.1 58.0 56.7 54.6 53.4 55.2 57.3 57.6	72.7 72.3 72.7 73.0 73.2 73.6 73.5 73.8 74.1 73.6 73.2 73.1
1959–60— July . August . September . October .	 4.0 3.9 4.1 3.8 3.8 4.6	5.3 5.7 6.1 5.9 5.5 5.9	20.7 21.4 22.3 23.0 22.6 22.7	15.5 15.5 15.2 14.9 15.5 16.4	58.5 58.4 57.0 56.9 56.1 54.3	72.5 72.0 72.4 72.6 73.1 74.0

⁽a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Municipal securities. (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol., liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b) (Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.			Deposits.		Coin, Bullion, Notes and	State Go	wealth and vernment rities.	Special Account	
r crod.		Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other.	with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
Average of Week Figures— 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55(c) 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	kly	241.5 275.1 306.5 309.4 343.9 400.3 436.2	1,040.4 1,156.6 1,178.6 1,167.9 1,168.7 1,196.1 1,166.4	1,281.9 1,431.7 1,485.1 1,477.3 1,512.6 1,596.4 1,602.6	83.5 82.2 77.4 77.1 73.6 70.6 69.5	140.3 122.8 63.9 56.3 55.2 44.5 42.1	109.9 157.5 158.4 151.7 187.0 222.7 250.0	233.5 320.0 305.2 272.0 288.7 327.6 259.3	697.6 727.7 865.9 908.3 869.1 882.1 929.7
1957–58— December(d) January February March April May June		401.2 407.5 408.0 413.9 411.9 409.3 416.1	1,245.5 1,242.1 1,239.8 1,244.6 1,213.5 1,155.7 1,142.2	1,646.7 1,649.6 1,647.8 1,658.5 1,625.4 1,565.0 1,558.3	76.2 80.2 69.8 68.7 63.6 67.9 68.8	49.7 72.0 79.9 94.4 40.3 21.4 21.5	234.5 242.5 246.7 249.7 243.1 213.3 198.4	339.6 339.6 339.6 324.6 312.6 293.3 282.1	870.9 860.5 857.1 862.7 902.8 932.9 945.6
July August September October November December(d) January February March April May June		429.1 432.1 429.2 434.0 435.2 434.2 438.8 439.2 439.7 442.5 437.4 443.9	1,118.6 1,107.0 1,116.4 1,145.9 1,169.0 1,191.8 1,184.4 1,206.1 1,222.0 1,205.3 1,175.0 1,168.5	1,547.7 1,539.1 1,545.6 1,579.9 1,604.2 1,626.0 1,623.2 1,645.3 1,661.7 1,647.8 1,612.4 1,612.4	73.8 66.8 69.9 71.5 69.4 76.6 78.6 70.9 65.6 68.6 58.4 63.3	21.0 28.1 33.7 36.6 46.0 44.7 60.4 75.9 83.2 47.8 19.8 17.5	191.3 193.6 200.8 213.8 233.7 251.9 263.1 292.6 304.3 300.3 289.9 279.0	270.6 264.6 264.6 264.6 264.6 264.6 253.3 249.6 249.6 249.6	964.1 960.0 948.8 952.1 946.9 932.2 920.4 899.2 885.6 905.1 915.4
July August September October November December (d)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	451.9 458.1 461.5 466.1 466.1 453.9	1,158.9 1,155.5 1,185.4 1,210.6 1,244.6 1,286.9	1,610.8 1,613.6 1,646.9 1,676.7 1,710.7 1,740.8	65.8 64.2 71.1 67.5 66.5 83.6	20.7 28.9 31.0 34.1 (e)29.9 (e)22.7	271.7 275.7 292.8 310.9 316.2 309.7	249.5 249.5 249.5 249.5 264.6 284.6	936.1 933.6 929.6 945.2 948.7 942.1

⁽a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50. (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday. (e) Includes Seasonal Securities.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b) (Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

			(Per C				1
		Percen	ntages of Various	Categories of As	ssets to Total De	posits.	
Period.		Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills, etc. + Other Common- wealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.	Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
Average of Figures—	Weekly						01.2
1952–53 1953–54 1954–55(c) 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59		6.5 5.7 5.2 5.2 4.9 4.4 4.3	17.4 14.3 9.5 9.0 8.5 7.2 7.0	26.0 25.3 20.2 19.3 20.9 21.2 22.6	18.2 22.3 20.5 18.4 19.1 20.5 16.2	54.4 50.8 58.3 61.5 57.5 55.3 58.0	81.2 80.8 79.4 79.1 77.3 74.9 72.8
1957–58— December(d) January February March April May June		4.6 4.8 4.2 4.1 3.9 4.3 4.4	7.6 9.2 9.1 9.8 6.4 5.7 5.8	21.9 23.9 24.1 24.9 21.4 19.3 18.5	20.6 20.6 20.6 19.6 19.2 18.7	52.9 52.2 52.0 52.0 55.5 59.6 60.7	75.6 75.3 75.2 75.0 74.7 73.8 73.3
July		4.8 4.3 4.5 4.5 4.3 4.7 4.9 4.3 4.0 4.2 3.6 3.9	6.1 6.7 6.8 7.2 7.5 8.5 8.9 9.0 7.1 4.8 5.0	18.5 18.7 19.7 20.4 21.8 23.0 24.8 26.7 27.3 25.3 22.8 22.3	17.5 17.2 17.1 16.7 16.5 16.3 16.3 15.4 15.0 15.1 15.5	62.3 62.4 61.4 60.3 59.0 57.3 56.7 54.7 53.3 54.9 56.8	72.3 71.9 72.2 72.5 72.9 73.3 73.0 73.3 73.5 73.1 72.9 72.5
July August September October November December(d)		4.1 4.0 4.3 4.0 3.9 4.8	5.4 5.8 6.2 6.0 5.6 6.1	22.3 22.9 24.0 24.6 24.1 23.9	15.5 15.5 15.2 14.9 15.5 16.3	58.1 57.9 56.5 56.4 55.5 54.1	72.0 71.6 72.0 72.2 72.8 73.9

⁽a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50. (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

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Period.		Deposits.		Coin, Bullion, Notes and	State G	nwealth and overnment urities.	Special Account	A 1	Funds with Authorized Dealers
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Cash with Common- wealth Bank	Treasury Bills.	Other.	with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.	(Short-term Money Market.)
1953–54	y . 256.8 . 290.4 . 322.6 . 325.7 . 360.9 . 420.6 . 460.9	1,076.3 1,196.0 1,220.0 1,207.7 1,209.9 1,238.1 1,206.6	1,333.1 1,486.4 1,542.6 1,533.4 1,570.8 1,658.7 1,667.5	(b) 88.2 87.3 82.0 81.1 77.5 74.4 73.1	(b) 144.2 130.1 69.5 60.5 59.1 48.7 42.9	(c) 123.0 170.8 171.7 165.5 202.1 237.2 264.4	234.6 321.1 306.3 272.8 289.4 328.3 259.9	(c) 762.3 793.7 938.1 984.1 946.8 963.3 1,015.5	
January February March April	. 421.1 . 427.9 . 428.4 . 433.9 . 432.9 . 431.8 . 439.1	1,288.5 1,287.7 1,284.9 1,289.3 1,256.4 1,195.7 1,181.0	1,709.6 1,715.6 1,713.3 1,723.2 1,689.3 1,627.5 1,620.1	80.6 84.5 73.7 72.3 67.1 70.9 71.9	55.3 77.3 86.0 99.1 43.0 22.6 22.0	249.0 257.3 261.7 264.7 258.1 228.0 212.6	340.3 340.3 340.3 325.3 313.3 294.0 282.7	952.0 941.9 939.0 945.4 986.0 1,017.1 1,030.1	
August September October November December(d) January February	. 464.0 . 467.3 . 462.2	1,155.4 1,143.0 1,152.4 1,182.3 1,206.5 1,229.8 1,224.5 1,250.5 1,267.3 1,250.2 1,219.2 1,211.8	1,609.5 1,600.0 1,606.1 1,641.2 1,666.7 1,688.7 1,687.6 1,713.9 1,731.3 1,717.5 1,681.4 1,680.8	77.4 70.3 73.1 75.3 73.3 81.1 82.9 75.1 69.5 71.8 61.0 66.0	21.5 28.6 34.2 37.1 46.5 45.2 61.2 78.5 85.0 48.7 20.3 18.0	205.0 207.1 214.2 227.2 247.2 265.2 277.2 307.9 319.9 316.0 305.5 294.6	271.2 265.2 265.2 265.2 265.2 265.2 265.2 265.2 253.9 250.2 250.2 250.2	1,048.8 1,044.2 1,033.7 1,037.0 1,032.9 1,018.8 1,007.0 984.9 971.6 991.5 1,002.3 1,003.5	21.0 28.1 33.2 28.3
1959-60— July August September October November December(d)	. 486.4 . 490.0 . 494.1 . 494.2	1,202.0 1,197.0 1,226.7 1,252.2 1,287.5 1,330.8	1,681.3 1,683.4 1,716.7 1,746.3 1,781.7 1,812.4	69.3 67.0 74.1 70.6 69.3 86.6	21.3 29.4 31.5 34.5 (e)30.9 (e)23.3	287.4 291.3 308.4 326.3 331.6 325.2	250.2 250.2 250.2 250.2 265.2 285.1	1,023.3 1,019.9 1,016.9 1,033.1 1,036.5 1,030.6	29.1 29.9 31.8 34.3 32.9 31.2

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia.

(b) See note (b). See note (c), page 49. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday. (e) Includes Seasonal

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	So	lew outh ales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1953–54 1954–55(<i>b</i>) 1955–56 1956–57	1 1 1 2 2 2 2	51.9 71.7 87.5 00.9 119.4 30.4 48.9	132.0 154.9 176.2 185.4 195.5 207.1 224.7	43.8 51.0 53.9 56.0 62.7 65.6 70.3	30.1 32.8 36.3 39.6 42.7 44.3 46.2	22.1 25.4 26.2 26.9 28.6 30.2 30.7	8.8 9.9 10.7 11.6 12.6 12.9 13.8	0.6 0.8 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.5 2.0	389.3 446.5 491.6 521.4 562.7 592.0 636.6
January February March April May	2 2 2 2	253.9 200.6 232.6 239.8 234.2 235.0 231.8	242.8 173.5 201.9 212.5 216.5 218.2 216.9	72.5 57.1 61.7 64.2 66.8 64.6 66.5	48.8 39.1 45.9 45.6 46.1 44.8 43.4	32.7 30.7 31.2 31.2 29.8 29.7 28.3	15.3 10.5 12.8 14.5 13.9 14.2 14.3	1.5 1.2 1.5 1.6 2.1 1.7 1.8	667.5 512.7 587.6 609.4 609.4 608.2 603.0
August September October November December January February March April May		242.6 218.8 236.1 252.3 254.3 274.5 205.7 254.3 259.1 263.5 269.6	219.6 195.0 206.9 224.4 225.6 253.4 176.8 244.6 235.0 223.0 247.1 240.1	71.0 64.8 69.8 72.5 73.1 77.0 58.8 69.6 70.2 70.2 70.3 73.3	44.2 40.3 42.4 45.1 45.9 51.2 39.1 50.6 49.9 48.1 49.0 47.3	28.8 25.9 28.2 30.4 29.7 33.1 31.9 37.2 33.5 30.1 30.9 29.2	14.2 11.8 12.4 13.3 14.0 15.5 10.4 13.9 14.2 15.3 15.6 14.6	2.3 1.6 1.9 1.8 1.8 2.0 1.7 2.0 1.8 2.2 1.9 2.7	622.7 558.2 597.7 639.8 644.4 706.7 524.4 672.2 663.7 639.0 678.3 676.8
August September October November r	. 2	275.3 254.5 283.1 290.5 295.2 807.0	251.2 228.6 247.6 262.7 265.1 296.0	77.9 72.1 79.7 79.7 79.9 85.5	50.5 45.9 51.3 51.9 53.3 58.7	31.6 29.5 33.5 34.3 34.7 38.2	15.5 13.8 14.7 14.1 15.2 17.6	2.5 2.4 2.3 2.3 2.4 2.9	704.5 646.8 712.2 735.5 745.8 805.9

⁽a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.

(b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955, and subsequent months.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

				Amounts on	Deposit in S	avings Banks.			
At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	82.0 86.0 87.5	75.7 78.9 80.5	27.3 28.2 29.0	26.5 27.2 27.4	11.8 12.0 12.4	7.2 7.7 8.4	0.1 0.1 0.1	0.3 0.3 0.3	230.9 240.4 245.6
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57 1957-58 1958-59	319.1 339.8 358.6 386.6 422.2 449.0 488.3	320.0 339.8 364.8 386.2 411.6 433.6 458.4	109.4 117.4 124.8 132.7 144.6 153.2 166.7	113.9 122.9 131.7 135.7 142.4 148.9 157.1	49.8 52.6 53.6 57.9 62.7 66.0 71.5	32.1 34.0 35.8 37.2 38.7 40.2 42.5	1.1 1.3 1.5 1.7 1.9 2.1 2.2	2.1 2.3 2.6 3.0 3.3 3.8 4.6	947.5 1,010.1 1,073.4 1,141.0 1,227.4 1,296.8 1,391.3
December January February March April May June	437.1 439.0 439.7 439.1 440.4 440.7 449.0	423.0 423.3 423.2 422.7 423.5 425.4 433.6	151.4 150.6 150.0 149.4 149.8 150.0 153.2	145.7 146.4 146.3 145.9 145.7 145.0 148.9	64.9 64.8 64.6 64.6 64.8 64.6 66.0	39.6 39.7 39.9 39.8 39.9 39.8 40.2	2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0	3.6 3.7 3.7 3.8 3.7 3.7 3.8	1,267.3 1,269.5 1,269.4 1,267.3 1,269.8 1,271.2 a 1,296.8
July August September October November December January February March April May June	459.3 462.7	434.9 437.1 439.1 440.8 443.0 443.9 443.6 444.5 445.8 444.9 447.6 458.4	155.1 156.2 158.2 159.4 160.6 161.3 160.1 160.3 160.6 161.2 162.2 166.7	149.6 149.4 149.8 150.0 150.6 150.8 151.8 152.6 152.4 152.4	66.4 66.5 67.7 67.9 68.3 68.2 68.2 68.5 69.1 69.2 69.6 71.5	40.7 41.3 41.5 41.3 41.4 41.3 41.4 41.8 41.8 41.8 41.8	2.2 2.2 2.2 2.3 2.2 2.1 2.1 2.1 2.1 2.2 2.2	4.0 4.0 4.1 4.1 4.2 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.5 4.5	1,304.8 1,310.8 1,320.2 1,325.0 1,333.0 1,337.4 1,338.6 1,344.6 1,349.3 1,350.4 1,357.2 a1,391.3
July August September October November December	510.7	461.4 467.3 473.9 478.1 480.6 480.4	168.7 171.0 173.8 175.8 176.3 175.7	158.1 158.9 160.3 161.9 162.9 162.2	72.3 73.1 74.6 75.4 75.7 75.3	43.1 43.8 44.1 44.3 44.6 44.5	2.3 2.4 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5	4.7 4.8 4.8 4.9 5.0 5.0	1,403.9 1,419.6 1,439.3 1,453.6 1,461.2 1,460.5

⁽a) Interest added 1957-58, £31 2m.; 1958-59, £35 4m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

		1	New Policie	es issued.(b)		Premiu	ıms.(c)	Claims, etc	c., Paid.(d)	New
Period.		Ordinary D	epartment.	Industrial I	Department.	Ordinary Depart-	Industrial Depart-	Ordinary Depart-	Industrial Depart-	Loans Granted.
		Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.	ment.	ment.	ment.	ment.	
Monthly Average			£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1937 1938		12,296 11,470 11,293	4,120 3,867 3,886	36,148 32,757 32,125	1,684 1,530 1,545	1,045 1,075 1,144	474 617 541	747 781 835	223 246 303	n.a. n.a. n.a.
1952–53		23,607 23,643 23,709 23,505 24,796 24,328 24,967 26,312	18,464 18,828 21,177 24,365 27,893 32,683 37,562 43,430	23,216 22,853 19,964 18,415 17,551 17,526 17,414 16,001	2.817 2,946 2,714 2,734 2,721 2,761 2,819 2,683	3,651 4,186 4,679 5,175 5,785 6,454 7,289 8,005	1,102 1,147 1,172 1,218 1,228 1,248 1,273 1,268	1,441 1,576 1,763 1,983 2,263 2,470 2,797 2,255	546 619 670 738 793 841 912 629	3,963 3,011 2,872 4,319 4,744 4,992 4,948 6,103
December . January . February . March . April May		25,551 29,968 12,327 19,583 25,173 20,152 24,556 26,924	42,139 60,479 15,160 27,499 34,355 28,228 37,631 45,937	17,193 14,981 5,094 14,930 17,866 15,627 18,653 22,581	2,783 2,696 767 2,332 2,893 2,528 2,993 3,716	6,458 7,654 6,094 6,161 7,480 7,361 7,822 9,169	1,347 1,447 793 1,238 1,332 1,197 1,308 1,363	2,732 3,119 2,161 2,562 2,941 2,592 2,957 3,036	994 764 689 869 957 777 964 869	4,969 6,507 3,258 4,076 4,937 5,687 5,379 4,862
August September October November December January February March April		27,662 28,629 33,880 25,273 24,970 28,549 16,194 19,872 24,415 26,737 28,651 30,920	44,718 40,527 52,418 40,393 38,410 76,987 25,976 29,761 36,387 40,925 44,285 50,374	18,343 18,112 24,392 15,395 16,155 11,463 4,234 14,390 16,788 16,633 16,886 19,215	2,974 3,011 3,942 2,567 2,744 2,243 646 2,323 2,802 2,746 2,842 3,351	8,867 7,199 8,173 7,465 6,880 8,582 6,521 6,857 7,956 8,610 8,483 10,459	1,339 1,209 1,374 1,303 1,573 1,276 754 1,238 1,321 1,287 1,177 1,363	3,476 3,001 3,207 2,924 2,808 3,447 2,312 2,896 2,928 3,062 3,129 3,552	1,001 959 866 833 846 767 613 844 911 861 928 939	5,777 5,107 6,577 7,093 6,033 8,036 3,876 4,495 6,389 6,680 7,304 5,875
August September October	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	30,922 31,817 41,931 28,481 31,212	55,025 51,570 64,134 50,261 55,529	19,720 15,738	2,782 3,364 3,306 2,739 2,665		1,325 1,326 1,276 1,355 1,364	3,512 3,332 3,972 3,490 2,980	1,100 1,034 1,003 888 880	6,396 5,525 6,984 5,865 6,659

⁽a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.

(b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Ex	change Rates	.(a)	Gold P	rices.(a)	ment Secu	alth Govern- urities taxed t Common- n Rates.	Private First Mortgages Registered	
120 (100 (120 (120 (120 (120 (120 (120 (Australia on London.(b)	London on New York. (b)	Australia on New York. (c)	Australia	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	in New South Wales.	
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	 £A. per £100 Stg. 125.25 125.25 125.25	\$ per £Stg. 4.939 4.980 4.738	\$ per £A. 3.929 3.961 3.759	£A. per fine oz. 8.781 8.690 9.137	£Stg. per fine oz. 7.041 7.001 7.340	Per cent. (f) 3.57 (f) 3.30 (f) 3.67	Per cent. (g) 3.94 (g) 3.71 (g) 3.84	Per cent. (e) (h)5.3 (h)5.3 (i)5.4	
1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.804 2.813 2.797 2.795 2.789 2.805 2.809	2.231 2.238 2.226 2.228 2.220 2.232 2.235	15.492 15.514 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625	12.400 12.411 12.536 12.496 12.532 12.491 12.496	3.03 3.10 3.49 4.39 4.71 4.38 4.16	4.54 4.44 4.50 4.76 5.06 4.99 4.94	(<i>i</i>) 4.7 4.9 5.2 5.8 6.5 7.0	
1957–58— December January February March April May June	 125 .25 125 .25 125 .25 125 .25 125 .25 125 .25 125 .25	2.802 2.813 2.816 2.815 2.816 2.816 2.811	2.233 2.239 2.241 2.241 2.242 2.241 2.237	15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625	12.469 12.445 12.458 12.464 12.461 12.472 12.484	4.41 4.40 4.38 4.30 4.30 4.25 4.25	5.00 5.01 5.01 4.98 4.96 4.96 4.94	(i) (j) 6.9 7.0 7.1 7.1 7.1 7.1	
July August September October November December January February March April May June	 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.805 2.805 2.803 2.807 2.806 2.804 2.810 2.813 2.817 2.815 2.813	2.232 2.233 2.231 2.234 2.233 2.232 2.233 2.236 2.238 2.242 2.240 2.239	15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625	12.522 12.511 12.521 12.507 12.510 12.515 12.495 12.479 12.465 12.456 12.476 12.485	4.28 4.30 4.30 4.25 4.24 4.23 4.18 4.15 4.00 4.01 4.01 4.01	4.96 4.97 4.98 4.96 4.93 4.96 4.95 4.89 4.95 4.89	7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.1 7.1	
1959–60— July August September October November December	 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.812 2.810 2.804 2.807 2.803 2.799	2.238 2.236 2.232 2.234 2.231 2.227	15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625	12.492 12.497 12.527 12.507 12.509 12.524	3.91 3.88 3.93 3.94 3.94 3.95	4.91 4.89 4.90 4.90 4.89 4.93	7.1 7.2 7.2 7.3 7.4	

⁽a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

	Trading Banks—								
Date of Change in Rate.	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).		Common- wealth Savings	Treasury Bills	wealth
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months	Common- wealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.	Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	(Discount Rate).	Loans (Long Term).
1941—22nd Sept	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25	(c)	2.00	1.50	3.250
1942—14th March	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.50	3.250
1943—1st May	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
1944—17th January	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
11th August	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25	3.250
1945—1st March	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1st December	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1946—20th November	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125
1947—1st January	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125
1949—1st May	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125
1951—21st August	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750
1952—29th July	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750
25th November	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500
1955—1st January	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1956—15th March	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1st April	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500
10th May	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
1958—1st November	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(f)6.00	3.00	1.00	5.000

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.
were first issued in November 1959 carry a discount rate of approximately 3 per cent. per annum.

(b) Seasonal Securities which were first issued in November 1959 carry a discount rate of approximately 3 per cent. per annum.

(c) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent.

(d) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(e) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(f) Average rate on all (b) Seasonal Securities which (c) Rates for Private Trading advances not to exceed $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

	Commonwealth.		_			Commo	onwealth.		
Date. Treasury Bills.		Seasonal Securities.	States. Total		Date.	Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.	States.	Total.
30th June—					1958–59—				
1937			46,408	46,408	31st July	142,000		3,000	145,000
1938			46,598	46,598	31st August	163,000		3,000	166,000
1939			50,228	50,228	30th Sept.	195,000		3,000	198,000
1952	153,280			153,280	31st Oct.	228,000		3,000	231,000
1953	225,000			225,000	30th Nov.	254,000		3,000	257,000
1954	190,000			190,000	31st Dec.	282,000		5,000	287,000
1955	160,000			160,000	31st Jan.	268,000		5,000	273,000
1956	165,000			165,000	28th Feb.	229,000		5,000	234,000
1957	150,000			150,000	31st Mar.	239,000		4,250	243,250
1958	140,000			140,000	30th April	163,000		4,250	167,250
1959	171,000			171,000	31st May	133,000		3,250	136,250
					30th June	171,000			171,000
1957–58—					1959–60—				
31st Jan.	249,000		8,500	257,500	31st July	169,000			169,000
28th Feb.	248,000		8,500	256,500	31st Aug.	201,000			201,000
31st Mar.	241,000		6,000	247,000	30th Sept.	239,000			239,000
30th April	168,000		6,000	174,000	31st Oct.	279,000		1,000	280,000
31st May	134,000		5,000	139,000	30th Nov.	299,000	12,109	2,000	313,109
30th June	140,000			140,000	31st Dec.	299,000	23,498	3,000	325,498
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⁽a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

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COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

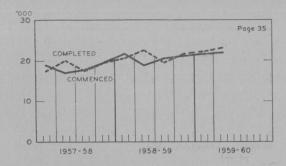
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

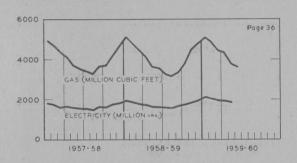
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Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total.(b)
			R	EVENUE.					
1938–39	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1953–54	188.7 195.4 204.4 223.8 231.5 239.8 250.6	106.7 116.8 123.1 133.2 142.3 151.2 162.0	69.7 73.8 75.7 85.2 88.0 99.0	48.4 48.7 55.4 61.6 66.3 68.0 75.3	43.6 46.1 49.6 54.3 57.1 60.1 63.3	13.3 14.5 17.8 18.8 20.0 21.9 24.1	470.4 495.3 526.0 576.9 605.2 640.0 677.2	1,022.8 1,067.4 1,138.4 1,311.8 1,323.8 1,296.1 1,391.6	1,314.2 1,378.2 1,466.1 1,672.4 1,690.2 1,685.8 1,807.4
July—October November December	68.8 85.9 103.8	38.3 47.7 58.6	26.9 34.0 41.4	19.4 24.7 30.3	16.7 20.8 25.8	5.4 6.7 8.0	175.5 219.8 267.9	304.5 380.9 471.1	415.3 519.8 640.9
958–59— July—October November December	69.8 86.7 105.6	40.3 49.8 61.7	28.0 35.1 49.2	19.3 24.5 30.9	18.4 22.6 27.6	5.9 7.2 8.7	181.7 225.9 283.7	309.0 388.4 487.2	420 . 1 526 . 2 665 . 3
959–60— July—October November December	75.9 97.6 118.2	43.6 54.6 67.4	29.7 37.4 48.7	21.0 27.4 33.8	18.7 23.6 29.1	6.4 7.8 10.2	195.3 248.4 307.4	317.7 406.8 518.8	440.7 560.0 712.8
			Exp	ENDITURE.					
938–39	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
953–54	188.6 197.6 211.2 223.7 231.5 239.7 250.6	106.0 115.4 126.4 137.6 145.5 153.8 165.1	69.3 73.6 77.4 85.2 89.5 100.2 101.8	46.6 50.9 56.8 61.6 66.7 69.1 76.1	43.7 46.6 51.4 56.2 58.2 61.8 64.8	13.3 14.7 17.7 19.6 20.8 22.7 24.7	467.5 498.8 540.9 583.9 612.2 647.3 683.1	1,022.8 1,067.4 1,138.4 1,311.8 1,323.8 1,296.1 1,391.6	1,311.3 1,381.7 1,481.0 1,679.4 1,697.7 1,693.1 1,813.3
957–58— July—October November December	71.4 92.9 110.5	45.6 58.3 69.6	29.2 37.8 46.1	21.1 27.1 31.7	19.3 24.0 29.2	6.7 9.3 10.1	193.3 249.4 29.1	378.3 469.0 566.1	506.9 637.5 765.6
958–59— July—October November December	73.0 94.9 114.1	47.2 61.1 72.8	30.8 39.8 53.4	22.0 28.2 32.3	21.5 26.3 31.8	6.9 9.7 11.5	201.4 260.0 315.9	413.4 511.0 620.0	544.2 682.8 830.4
959–60— July—October November December	77.1 100.2 120.5	50.6 65.5 78.9	32.7 41.8 52.8	24.0 30.5 36.7	21.1 26.6 32.6	7.3 10.2 12.5	212.8 274.8 334.0	438.9 551.7 669.6	579.4 731.3 890.1

⁽a) Represents the combinal transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

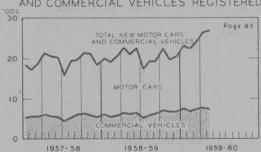
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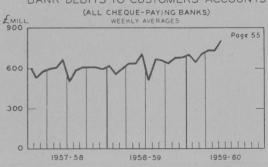
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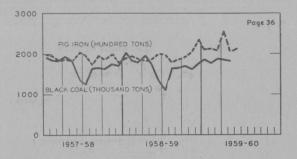
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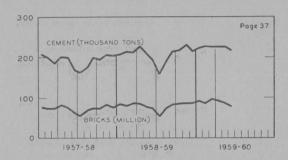
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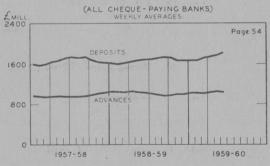
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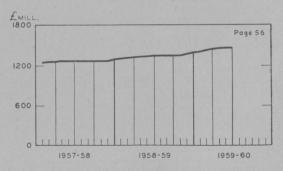
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